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New Allied Offensive On Western Front

Montgomery's Thrust Across Roer River

AMERICAN NINTH ARMY TROOPS ENTER DUEREN

BERLIN, February 23.

The German Overseas News Agency today (Friday) said that Field Marshal Montgomery has begun a new break-through attempt with an immense drumfire barrage between the Maas and the Lower Rhine.

Giving this news the Agency's war correspondent at Field Marshal Rundstedt's Headquarters added that the attack was launched after a mighty barrage during which 60,000 to 100,000 shells were fired in a few hours.

LONDON RETICENT

LONDON, Feb. 23: From Reuter's Military correspondent: In the absence of any confirmation of German reports from Allied sources it is advisable to withhold judgment as to the scope and the objectives of the reported new offensive on the western front. It is still too early to say whether the Germans are basing their report on a real offensive or on localised attacks of unusual strength.

Americans Across Roer

LONDON, Feb. 23: The German News Agency said: Americans have now several small bridgeheads across the Roer between Linnich and Juelich. Heavy fighting is going on.

Allies Near Dueren Outskirts

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The German Overseas News Agency quoted a Berlin military spokesman for the report that Simpson's troops which crossed the Roer, have reached the outskirts of Dueren. The latest reports place the Ninth Army on the west bank of Roer immediately opposite Dueren. Any crossing of the Roer here would immediately put the Allies in Dueren outskirts.

Biggest Battle Of Aachen

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The German Overseas News Agency reports, "The expected American offensive in the Roer sector started early today." The Agency said: "The offensive began at [illegible] hours. At that time American tanks attempted to cross the Roer north of Linnich while infantry did the same from the south. German forces which were instantly thrown in, engaged the enemy in fierce fighting which is still going on."

The German Overseas News Agency later reported that the new American offensive was by the Ninth United States Army under General Simpson. The report said: The fifth and the biggest battle of Aachen began after a three hour hurricane of fire from thousands of barrels."

Saarburg Captured

Reuter's Special Correspondent with the United States Third Army wires: Feb. 23.—Third Army forces made a third crossing of the Saar River and are fighting two-miles north-east of the captured German town of Saarburg. House to house fighting is continuing in Serrig, two miles south of Saarburg, where the Americans are battling against the Siegfried defences after their previous crossing of the Saar.

Forbach Overtaken By Seventh Army

PARIS, Feb. 23.—After clearing the German strong-point of Moyland, Canadian troops of Field Marshal Montgomery's army are pausing to regroup after days of bitter fighting says Reuter's Special Correspondent. The Germans made no counter-attacks yesterday, but Allied advances were held up with Field Marshal Montgomery's troops driven back slightly by German artillery fire near Udem on the main railway from Goch to the Rhine.

General Patch's Seventh Army troops gained possession of two-thirds of the blazing German town of Forbach, five miles south of Saarbruecken. The Americans have pushed beyond the Forbach-Saarbruecken Railway to positions north of Stiring-Wendal, a north-eastern suburb of Forbach. Other Seventh Army Forces are able to overlook Saarbruecken itself after clearing a forest north-east of Spichern and seizing heights in gains of more than half a mile.—Reuter.

Germans Fear Allied Paratroop Landings

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23: All German town and country Home Guard commanders have been ordered to be ready for Allied parachute landings behind the German east or west front armies, reports the Berlin correspondent of 'Svenska Dagbladet'.

The order adds that at the parachute descents sirens must be sounded and church bell rung for five minutes. The Home Guards must immediately report to their pre-arranged 'rendezvous' and women and children, old and sick persons must go to shelters.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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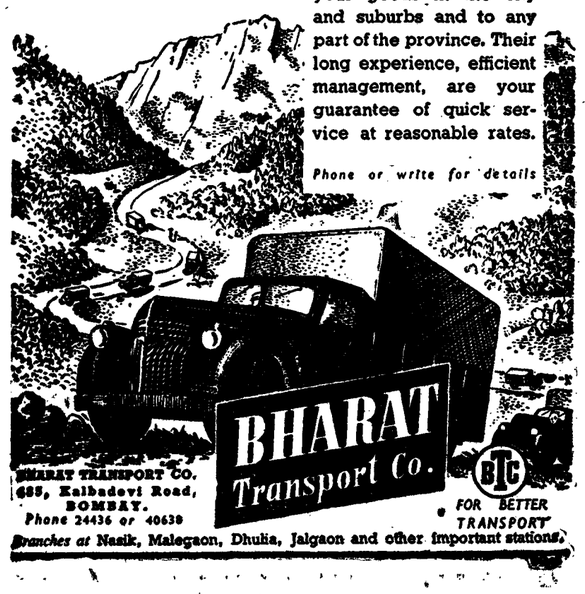

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ZHUKOV SETS PROBLEM FOR NAZI HIGH COMMAND

Marshal Ivan Koniev

Marshal Georgi Zhukov

LONDON, Feb. 23: From Reuters' Military correspondent: A great battle of wits dominates the Berlin front Marshal Zhukov has succeeded in driving the German High Command on to the horns of a strategic dilemma. Gen. Guderian can stay put opposite Marshal Zhukov's concentration on the Oder and mass his elite reserves into this area. But if he does, he runs the serious risk of getting his entire army trapped by Marshal Koniev and by the extension of Marshal Zhukov's flank to Stettin.

The gradual manoeuvring of the Soviet armies has now placed the German High Command before the alternatives of risking the army and future resistance or abandoning the outer defences of Berlin and the capital. The very nature of the decision is bound once again to lead to a clash between the Stalingrad school of Nazi leaders and the Army. It would be hard to conceive a greater moral blow for the German High Command, were it to abandon the defence of Berlin without a fight. Yet a struggle is clearly on inside the highest circles in Germany.

"STORMOVIKS" PAVE WAY

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent:

The Red Air Force to-day went into action against German reserves west of the Neisse, the main German defence line guarding the south-eastern approaches to Berlin as Red Army engineers moved up to bridge the river for the main body of Marshal Koniev's troops. Stormoviks are paving the way for the establishment of a firm bridgehead over this vital water-barrier, which already has been crossed by advanced units, according to reports so far unconfirmed.

Soviet troops who now form on the Neisse line already have the Spremberg bastion of Kottbus, the "south-eastern key to Berlin", 13 miles beyond the Neisse within heavy artillery range. The Russians simultaneously intensified their assault on Guben and Forst, two Neisse bastions, which will have to be reduced or encircled before the full heat can be turned on Kottbus.

Koniev For Neisse

Marshal Koniev to-day launched a series of fierce attacks for Neisse crossing at a number of points along more than 60 miles of this river line from Guben to Georlitz. His heavy guns are systematically combing German roads beyond the west bank of the river as fleets of Stormoviks and day-bombers are softening up German fortifications over a wide area. If the Neisse line can be breached in force, approaches to Berlin and to Dresden will be within striking distance of his troops.

The garrison of Poznan has been compressed into an area of a little more than one square mile.

RUSSIA'S MAN-POWER LOSS IN WAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 23: Fifteen million Russians died in this war, says author and Special Correspondent Maurice Hindus in an article in the "Herald Tribune"

RUSSIANS ON "EDGE OF GUBEN"

BERLIN, Feb. 23: The German News Agency military commentator reported to-day that Russian troops have penetrated to the eastern edge of Guben, one of the hedgehog positions guarding the south-eastern approaches to Berlin. Guben is 55 miles south-east of the capital and 30 miles south of Frankfurt.

RED ARMY MAN CONTACTS BERLIN

Telephone Hoax Shows Shape Of Things To Come

MOSCOW, Feb. 23: (From Reuter's Special Correspondent).

Major Sergeyev of the Red Army just had a telephone chat with Berlin. It happened after his unit had burst into a German town before the astonished frauleins at a local telephone exchange had time to give warning of what was happening. Major Sergeyev who speaks German fluently ordered them to put him through to the Burgomaster of Berlin. The following conversation then took place:

"Hello. Salzberg, the Burgomaster's Secretary speaking".

"I want the Burgomaster".

"The Burgomaster is out. Would I do?", the Secretary asked.

"Very well. This is the Burgomaster of 'X'. How do you find things in Berlin?"

"On middling. They say the Russians are not far off. And what is the situation in 'X'?"

"Excellent. The Russians took it an hour ago".

"Stop your silly jokes. I shall report you to the Burgomaster".

"You are welcome to report me to Hitler himself".

"Who are you?"

"A Soviet Officer. Cheerio. I shall be seeing you soon."

An hour later, a German passenger train arrived at the town coming from the East. The Russians had a difficult time trying to persuade the engine-driver and the guard that the train could go no further. The irate Guard even threatened to lodge a complaint with the Reich Minister of the Railways.—Reuter.

Fr. Fascist Militia Leader Killed In Raid

LONDON, Feb. 23: The German news agency announces that Jacques Doriot of the French Fascist Militia leader has been killed in an air raid.—Reuter.

Shaw Dramatises

STALIN v. THE REST AT YALTA

GLASGOW, Feb. 23: George Bernard Shaw, writing in the Scottish Socialist Weekly 'Forward' describes the Yalta communique as "the most impudently incredible fairy tale that has ever amused the pack of children we politically are."

Stating that on the Polish question Marshal Stalin was the first, and the rest nowhere, Shaw said Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt were at a disadvantage at the Conference.

"Whereas Marshal Stalin being a Communist, has made up his mind and knows it, the other two are up to the waist in Fascism—private enterprise plus public capital and regulation—and do not know that it is being muddled with Cobdenist superstitions, Tory democracy, Monroe-Vian isolation and all sorts of nineteen Century odds and ends.

One cannot help laughing, but I for one should like to know what really passed at Yalta. It will all come out twenty years hence, when Marshal Stalin writes his memoirs, but I shall not then be alive".—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT NOT VISITING FRANCE

PARIS (Thursday): Mr. Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to Paris, to-day categorically denied a statement by an American News Agency attributed to him in Paris afternoon papers that President Roosevelt hoped to visit France in late spring or early summer.—Reuter.

THIRD DAY FOR YALTA DEBATE

LONDON, Feb. 23: Mr. Eden announced in the House of Commons today that a third day would be given to next week's debate on the Crimea Conference which would take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Roosevelt To Visit London In Spring?

LONDON, Feb. 22: President Roosevelt, it is reported, will visit London in the coming spring. Mrs. Roosevelt and a large entourage will accompany him.

Full details of the visit have been worked out and only the precise date remains to be fixed, says the New York correspondent of the "Evening Standard".

Should the war in Europe be over by then it is added, Roosevelt is likely to participate in the Allied victory march down London's Mall. Another highspot is likely to be a mammoth review of United Nations armed forces in Hyde Park.

It is expected that the Roosevelts will be the guests of the King and Queen.

After spending several days in London, the Roosevelts are scheduled to visit Paris, where in all probability another great march will be staged in the Champs Elysees.—Reuter.

CONGRESS POLICY IN FRONTIER

Mahatma's Letter To Be Placed Before Parliamentary Party

The "United Press" learns that the Congress Parliamentary Party of the Frontier Assembly has been called at Peshawar on March 7 when Mahatma Gandhi's letter to Dr. Khan Saheb, which the Frontier Congress deputation is carrying with them is expected to be placed and the policy of the Party will be determined based on the views expressed by Gandhiji. The Frontier deputation met Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. Abdul Qaiyum yesterday and to-day and had detailed discussions in the light of the talks they had with Gandhiji. —United Press.

GANDHIJI MOVES TO WARDHA.

WARDHA, Feb. 23.

Mahatma Gandhi moved to Principal Agarwal's cottage in the Commerce College, to-day and intends to stay there till February 28 for a change as he did in December last when he gained about six pounds in weight.—A. P.

FRENCH ROYALIST FACES MURDER COMPLICITY CHARGE.

PARIS, Feb. 23: The French Royalist leader, Charles Maurras, who has already been sentenced to life imprisonment is now to face a charge of complicity in the murder of a shipowner named M. Worms. —Reuter.

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on the motion but was persuaded to change his decision.

As a matter of fact, he voted last from his party. Even, then Government were winning. Congress and Nationalists thereupon tried to cajole Leaguers who were leaderless because Nawabzada Liquatali Khan was away from the house. Their whip Mr. Sattar Said sat like rock and would not budge from his seat on the ground that the division had been forced. Leaguers however voted with the Opposition while an equal number remained neutral. While the cajoling persuasion of Mr. Sattar Said was still in progress, tellers came out from the division lobbies with lists. The division resulted in a tie and the chair according to well-established practice gave his vote for the Government. The result was received by cheers by Government backbenchers.

I may add that the Government side had been weak again there being many absentees.

STOP PRESS

EXPLOSION IN CORREGIDOR KILLS HUNDREDS OF JAPS

Corregidor, Friday: The whole island of Corregidor at the mouth of the Manila Bay shuddered on Sunday night from an explosion set off by the Japanese in three of the fortresses tunnels. It is not known whether the Japanese planned to destroy themselves or the Americans but the explosion is believed to have killed many hundreds of Japanese.—Reuter.

LONDON, Feb. 23: Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Works, said in the House of Commons to-day that 30,000 prefabricated temporary houses were coming from the United States in the latter half of this year.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE POZNAN.

MOSCOW, Friday: Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day to-night addressed to Marshal Zhukov has announced the capture of Poznan.

Bills To Amend Income-Tax & E.P.T. Acts

Conditional Facilities To Draw From Compulsory Deposits

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, February 23.

It is now announced that the Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman will introduce in the Central Assembly bills to amend the Income-Tax Act and E. P. T. Act after his budget speech and along with finance bill on Feb. 28. The bills will make provision for the post-war development of industries and will 'inter-alia' permit withdrawals from compulsory deposits under certain conditions.

Withdrawals from compulsory deposits at present are at the discretion of the Government after the war.

The half-yearly meeting of the Railwaymen's Federation with the Railway Board will be held here on 24th instant to discuss 'inter-alia' the question of increased dearness allowance. Before the meeting, the executive of the Federation will elect its president in place of Mr. S. C. Joshi who has become Labour Commissioner with the Government of India.

Mr. V. V. Giri is expected to be elected president.

TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Dr. M. Quaraishi of the Osmania University and Dr. K. M. Chakravarty of the Dacca University have been deputed by the Central Government to assist Sir James Pitkeathley in the selection of plant and machinery for the fertilizer factory.

The personnel has been tentatively settled of the proposed All-India technological institute under the presidentship of Mr. N. R. Sarker. It will include Messrs. A. D. Shroff, Wood, Principal of the Poly-technic Sir J. C. Ghosh, Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Mr. C. E. Preston, Mr. Ladden, Doctor Parekh, Sir Santi Sarup Bhatnagar, two representatives of the Ordinance Department, one representative each of the railways, Posts and Air, Planning Development supply, labour, Industries and Civil Supplies and Education, Health and Lands Department. Mr. Srivastava of Cawnpore Victoria Mills is expected to be the Secretary of the Committee. The first meeting of the committee will be held here next month.

Arrangements are being made to import three caustic soda and chlorine plants from U. S. A. These plants have been allotted to Delhi Cloth Mills, Mumtaz and Company Calcutta, and Ahmedabad Manufacturing and Calico Printing Company, Ahmedabad.

POPULAR DEFEAT IN ASSEMBLY

Leaders' Indecisive Attitude

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The opposition courted a defeat by the indecisive attitude of its leaders towards the end of the day in the Assembly to-day. The House was discussing Mr. Maitra's cut motion demanding judicial enquiries in every case of railway accident and Sir Edward Benthall was on his feet replying to the debate when it struck five.

It being the last day for Railway demand for grants, the Chair according to rules had to apply the guillotine at the stroke of five and put all demands to vote without discussion. According to rules any motion under discussion at the stroke of five is deemed to be talked out.

Mr. [illegible] wanted his cut motion to be [illegible] vote and said it would take [illegible] have another division. The Chair rightly declined the request. Thereupon, Mr. Maitra dramatically threw his shawl on his seat and shouted that he would vote down every demand.

Congress and League till then were not of Mr. Maitra's opinion and when Mr. Maitra challenged division on the first demand, Congress and League did not join him in shouting "no". Mr. Maitra, however, succeeded in division the House and walked to "no" lobby followed by Mr. Neogy and Mr. Krishnamachari.

BHULABHAI CHANGES MIND.

It was an awkward position because both Congress and Leaguers members sat glued to their seats. Mr. Maitra shouted at them while walking to the Division Lobby with the result that some Congress members stood up to vote with him. Mr. Bhulabhai Desai was opposed to the Congress voting

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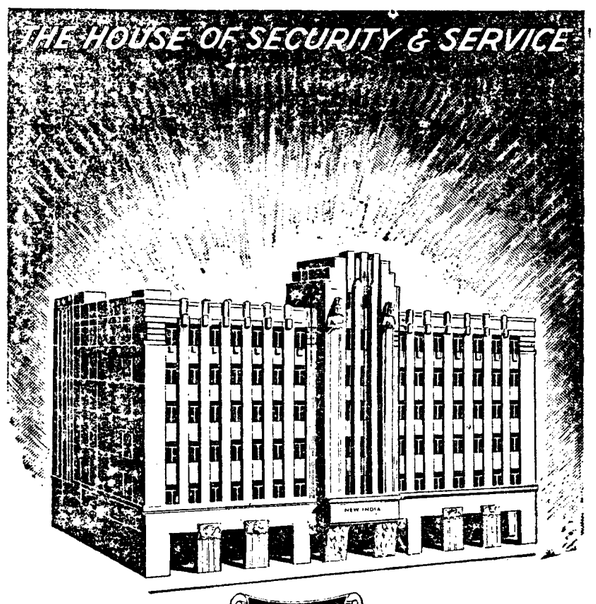

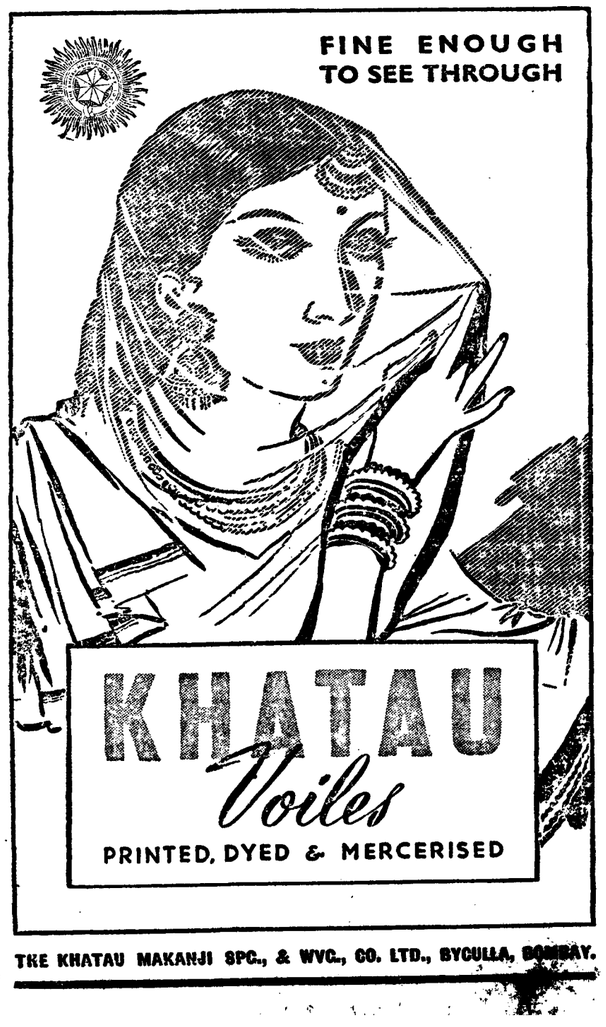

Chinese Capture Village Opposite Namtu

Disorganised Remnants Of Japanese From Ramree Island Surrounded

ADV HQ, ALF SEA, Feb. 23.

Today's SEAC 'communique' says:

Land: Northern Combat Area Command: Troops of the Chinese 50th Division yesterday captured Panghai on the north bank of the Namtu river opposite Namtu.

Troops of the Chinese First Army have made further progress on the Bumra Road, south of the Namtu river. Fighting is taking place in this neighbourhood.

Fourteenth Army: Two attacks on the 33rd Corps bridgehead positions, south of the Irrawaddy opposite Myinmu were repulsed.

North of Mandalay: Our positions in the Singu bridgehead were subjected to enemy shelling.

Fifteenth Indian Corps: A sharp attack on our bridgehead at Ru Ywa on the night of February 19/20 was repulsed after hand to hand fighting and shelling by our artillery.

Disorganised parties of Japanese who attempted to escape from Ramree Island are returning to the N. E. corner from the Mangrov swamps and are being surrounded.

Pursuit of the Japanese from the Kangaw area continues.

Air: In Arakan yesterday aircraft of Eastern Air Command bombed Japanese concentrations and caused road block in the path of the enemy retreat.

Supply areas and dumps were attacked in the northern combat area and west and south of Mandalay. Two Allied aircraft are missing.

ARAKANESE GUERILLAS HARASS JAPS

Arakanese guerilla bands, skilled in fighting and sabotage, have carried out a successful campaign assisting the British forces to expel the Japanese from their country, says an official statement.

The guerilla bands operated in the Kaladan Valley area from Kyauktaw to Minbya 40 miles further south. Now that the best part of this area is liberated the story of their activities can be told.

The peak of guerilla activities came with the opening of the present campaigning season in November. For three months the guerillas carried out successful ambushes far behind the Japanese lines. They sabotaged supplies and communications and generally harassed the already hard-pressed Japanese.—A. P.

Korean Underground Ready To Strike

Will Play Important Part In Final Liberation Of Country

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22.

An underground force of 3,00,000 has been established in Korea and is waiting for the hour to strike, according to Lee Pirg Shan of the Korean Underground Movement who arrived here from Seoul writes Reuter's special correspondent.

Lee said details of the organisation cannot be given for security reasons, but he disclosed that since the Sino-Japanese war broke out 200,000 Koreans had been arrested by the Japanese for alleged revolutionary activities. Seven thousand are still in gaol, while another 50,000 are under constant surveillance as dangerous characters.

He asserted that the Korean revolutionary army in Manchuria will play an important part in the final liberation of Korea.

NEW ALLIED AIR C.-IN-C. OF S. E. ASIA COMMAND.
EASTERN AIR COMMAND.
Feb. 22.

Air Marshal Sir Keith Park, arrived here today to take over his new appointment as Allied Air Commander-in-Chief, South-East Asia. He relieves Air Marshal Sir Guy Garrod.—Reuter.

M. P. Corporal Breaks Into Police Officers Flat?

Arrested Whilst Peeping Out Of The Kitchen Window

BOMBAY, Friday.

How, at dead of night a Lance-Corporal of the Military Police was found in the flat of the Bombay City Police Force and how he was caught red-handed and arrested, was narrated before Mr. M. Nasrulla, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

Hazel Critchall, wife of Sub-Inspector Critchall of the Bombay City Police Force, complained that on the night of December 1944, when she returned to her flat, she found the door of the flat open and the accused George Peter Martin, a Lance-Corporal of Military Police was inside her flat near her husband's cupboard. The lock of her flat was on her bed, she immediately latched the flat from outside and went to her mother's flat which is also in the same building and informed her brother that a man was found in her flat. Her brother Ivan Whister came up to his sister's flat and he says he secured the door of back entrance and while so doing he found the accused peeping out of the flat from the kitchen. When questioned by their witness the accused stated that he had come to see his sister.

Sub-Inspector Critchall, the husband of the complainant and other witnesses have been examined who testify the fact that the accused was actually found in the complainant's flat. On this point, the Magistrate observed there is no contradiction so far as the prosecution case goes.

The accused led no evidence to show that at this particular time he was at a different place. From the mere suggestion, that there is the motive of the police to bring a false case the Magistrate observed that he is not prepared to infer that all the witnesses who have come before the court have altogether conspired to bring a false charge against him.

The case being proved the Magistrate finding him guilty sentenced him to undergo 2 years' rigorous imprisonment. He is also directed to report his address or change of address to the police for a period of 2 years after his release. Mr. Shimoga conducted the prosecution.

G. I. P. CHIEF CASHIER SUSPENDED

Rly. Board Issues Order For Alleged Misappropriation

BOMBAY, Friday.

A mild sensation has been created in the G.I.P. Railway Head Office at Victoria Terminus by the Railway Board order suspending Mr. C. M. Khanna, the Chief Cashier from service.

It seems that the Accounts Officer who went to check the interest cash in the office recently found that out of the total cash of Rs. 1,500 about Rs. 1,300 was missing. The fact, it is said was communicated by radio to the Railway Board who ordered immediate suspension.

Mr Khanna was selected by the Federal Service Commission and was getting about Rs. 500 per month. He has been in service for nearly four years.

Mr. M. Poonnuswamy who checked the cash has been asked to work in place of Mr. Khanna for the time being. Whether the Chief Cashier will be prosecuted for misappropriation remains to be seen.

Akyab, Still A Military Base

Civilians Not Allowed In Town

AKYAB, Feb. 23.

Army officers of the Civil Affairs Service who followed our advancing forces into the Arakan are showing the Burmese the difference between Allied and Japanese co-prosperity says an official statement issued by the India Command.

The Senior Civil Affairs Officer for Akyab is Lt.-Col. E. G. S. Apedaile, who was for 12 years in the I. C. S. in Burma. He is administering an area of 750,000 people.

His H. Q. is a mansion in main road which was formerly the Japanese Gestapo H. Q.

The Burmese are still using Japanese money among themselves, but it is rapidly becoming worthless. British currency is being circulated in payment for labour for the military authorities and in payment for stores which can be bought locally for the services.

As Akyab is still a military base civilians are not yet allowed in the town. Most of the Indian population live in huts on the outskirts; the Burmese are scattered in the neighbouring villages and on the Baronagas, the islands opposite Akyab harbour.—A. P.

ACCEPT EQUALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS

Sarojini's Advice To Hyderabad Students

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Feb. 23:

"Islam has preached the true dignity of democracy. It has preached that we should not look at democracy only from the political angle but also from the social angle", observed Mrs. Sarojini Naidu delivering the valedictory address at the Nizam's College Union.

Proceeding, she said that the first thing to do as Indians was to accept the equality of human beings. Then the sense of superiority will be eliminated. You must try to learn individualism, not individualism of isolation but of self-respect, dignity, and thinking. In fact you should change your whole psychology. You young generation will have to do the duty of legislation, but it is essential that you should create your own vision. As long as you have cultural consciousness, being custodians of the past, you should discard imitation.

World is in chaos to-day. The present civilisation has been dissolved at the first crisis. What has Nazism done? It has destroyed all manifestation of culture and all historical landmarks. Western civilisation foundered on the rock of nationalism. I say that nationalism is the worst form of slavery. Recognition of freedom and equality is the message I give you to-day but your contribution can be made through India. We will die if we disintegrate. You will have to use your imagination and energy to transform these high dreams into reality. The man in the street is going to be the authentic measure of our civilisation. You should give more, care for the half-starved and ignorant in future, otherwise your education would be of no avail. You should consider all civilisations, creeds and literature as your common heritage.

Unless every one of you begins to feel free you cannot become free. Freedom cannot come from outside. There are higher and higher forms of truth and every generation comes to add to that truth; you will create to-morrow's history. Do away with all those things which keep you limited and narrow. You go on advancing and when dawn comes you will be able to say 'we are the true precursors of dawn that has come'.—O. P.

HYDERABAD REJECTS BOMBAY FOOD LEVY SYSTEM

Not In Interest Of Peasants, Says Press Note

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, (By Mail)

A press Note has been issued setting forth the considerations which weighed with Government against the introduction of the Bombay levy scheme in these Dominions and detailing the practical difficulties bound to arise from its adoption.

It was feared that the adoption of the Bombay system will not be in the best interests of the cultivators inasmuch as it will lead to the compulsory collection of larger quantities of grain than under the system now in vogue.

The Press Note also indicates the lines on which further improvement in the working of the present levy system is contemplated. In the Village Committees for instance, not only is the non-official element to be strengthened but steps are also to be taken to ensure a more effective representation of the view-point of the cultivator.

Arrangements have been commenced for the introduction of a more scientific system of distribution of food grains in rural areas through the agency of Co-operative Societies.

Steps have already been taken for ensuring prompter payment for grain collected under the levy system.

Orders have also been issued to the effect that the Village Committees need not wait for the entire levy grain of the village to be collected before sending it to the nearest Government godown.

The number of godowns will be considerably increased, particularly in the deficit areas. These godowns will be opened mostly in the interior so that the levy stocks may be available for distribution in villages, if need be.

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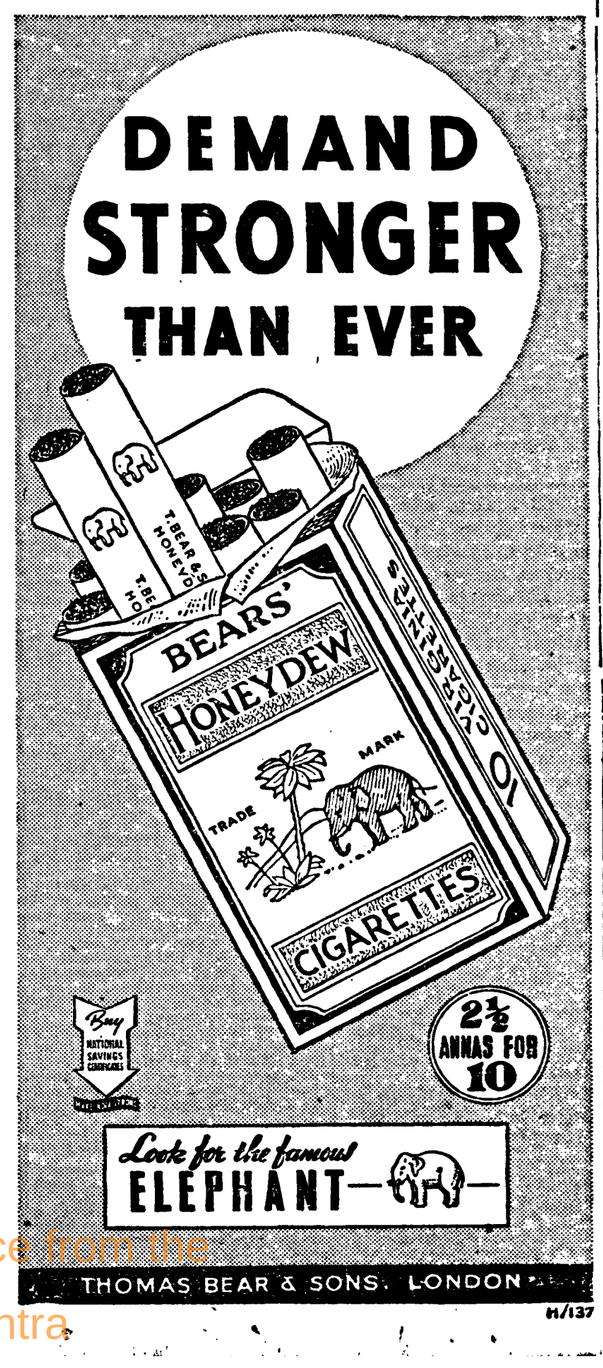

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BOMBAY, Friday.

On the allegation that he had caused serious injuries to his wife by throwing a potful of boiling water over her, Govind Jima was put up before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, to-day.

The police alleged in court that it was a deliberate act on the part of the accused following strained relations between husband and wife for some time past.

The accused was enlarged on bail.

Rashtra Vikas Exhibition During National Week"

Mr. S. K. Patil, writes:

The 'National Week' (April 6 to 13) is fast approaching and preparations are in progress to make it an occasion for intensive Congress activities.

It is proposed to organise during the Week an exhibition illustrating all the activities of the constructive programme. The Exhibition will be called 'The Rashtra Vikas Pradarshan.' The advent and growth of nationalism in India and particularly the part played by the Indian National Congress in it, the various stages of our national progress and the crises through which our nationalism has passed, the movements of resistance which the nation has conducted—all these will be graphically illustrated by means of instructive and informative charts, quotations of national leaders and several other effective means.

Suggestions and contributions towards the efficient organisation of this Exhibition will be very much welcome and these may kindly be sent to the Secretary of the Exhibition, Mr. Kisen Mehta, 49, Bajaj Road, West Ville Parle, Bombay Suburbs.

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"WOMEN IN MINES DAY"

The All-India Women's Conference will observe February 25 as the "Women in Mines Day". The Secretary of the Conference Mrs. Kulsum Sayani has asked all the 150 branches of the Conference to hold on that day public meetings and demonstrations with a view to focus public opinion on "the great injustice done to the Indian women by the Government of India by sending them back to work in coal mines breaking all International Conventions to the country".

The Secretary of the Conference has also sent telegrams to the Viceroy and Labour Member urging reimposition of the ban.

SELECTIONS FOR TODAY'S RACES

GAY JESTER'S OUTSTANDING CHANCE IN CHARD PLATE

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

The following are selections for today's races at Mahaluxmi:—

1st race: 1 Egypt, 2 Hormazdiyar 3 Shanghai.

2nd race: 1 Jubilation, 2 Draupadi 3 Valetta.

3rd: 1 Waldye, 2 Karam Al Rahim 3 Burhan II.

4th race: 1 Philosan, 2 My Star 3 Diiruba.

5th race: 1 Blue Pencil, 2 Lydia 3 Promise Me.

6th race: 1 Flashing Prince, 2 Khan Bahadur, 3 Mahboob.

7th race: *Jay Jester*, 2 Repartee.

8th race: 1 Hindustan, 2 Jassir 3 Star Brilliant.

9th race: 1 Pay Out, 2 China Doll, 3 Eastern Jaat.

DARK FLUKES: Black Hussar and Dawn.

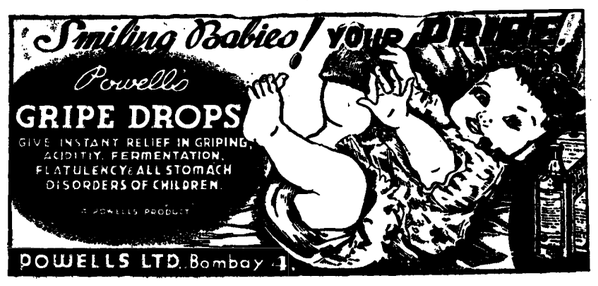
TO-DAY ON RADIO

SATURDAY, Feb. 24.
BOMBAY 1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 V. S. Nasikkar. 8-45 Gottuvadyam. 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9_15 Anjanibai Lolekar. 9-45 Gujarati Songs (G).

12-30 p.m. Sindhi Sogns. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H) 1.0 Variety. 1-30 News (E). 1.40 Music. 5-0 R. V. Jadhav. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 *At Six* (M). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Music from Film. 7-0 Sandeshe. 7-15 V. S. Nasikkar. 7-30 Mastan Qawwal. 7-45 R. V. Jadhav. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 For Universities (E). 9-0 News (H) 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 V. S. Nasikkar. 10-0 Mastan Qawwal. 10-15 Maru-Bihag Aur Nat-Bihag: (Violin and Jaltarang). 10-30 Anjanibai Lolekar.

INTER-COMMUNAL WORKERS MEETING.—Prominent Congress workers like Mr. N. B. Parulekar, Mr. Purshottam Shivdas Chapsi, Mr B. Gholab and Mr. F. M. Pinto and student leaders like Mr. Ram Sumer Shukla, President, All-India Students' Congress, Mr. P. Kunte, Mr. Pralhad Mehta and Mr. Shanti Shah and others will meet Muslim Majlis workers at the Majlis office, to-day (Saturday) to discuss ways and means of developing greater intercommunal contact.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Hightide: 11-30, 24-30.
Lowtide: 6-06, 17-38.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN. Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE: Lecture in Marathi to-day (Saturday), near Colaba Land Mill, A Ward.

GUJARATI SEVA MANDAL, BANDRA. Musical entertainment, to-day (Saturday), at Narayan Bhuvan No. 2 (Memon Lodge), Bandra, at 9-0 p.m.

BAND-ORCHESTRA (MOONLIGHT): At Victoria Gardens to-day (Saturday), from 9-0 to 11-0 p.m. (S. T.), by the Albless Orchestra Jazz Band.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE (BOMBAY NORTH): Vocal Music by Sushila Tembe, to-day (Saturday), at 10 p.m., at Khalsa College Hall.

ORIENTAL MUSIC CIRCLE: Musical Concert by Bai Kesarbai Kerkar, to-day (Saturday), at 10-30 p.m., at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road.

ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL: Prize distribution and sports to-day (Saturday), on school grounds. Mr. Faruqui, Collector of Bombay, will preside.

CHIKITSAKA SAMOOHA PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: Musical concert by Mr. Sudhir Phadke, to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m., in the 'Wagle Memorial Hall'.

SOCIETY OF INDIAN MAGICIANS: Society's regular demonstration meeting at the Society's Office, Nasik Chambers, 211-219, Frere Road, opp. G. P. O., to-day (Saturday).

GAYAN UTTEJAK MANDAL: Musical programme at Mazdaznan Hall, Eros Circle, to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m., Veena Music: Srimati Lalita Venkatraman; Mridangam: Mr. Viswanatha Iyer of Palghat.

CATHOLIC GYMKHANA: Sports trial heats will be held for the Men's Athletic Championship events only, at the Grant Medical Gymkhana grounds, to-day (Saturday), at 6-15 p.m. The finals on Sunday. Dr. Clement Pereira to preside.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: By Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Khar Road, to-day (Saturday), at 3-45 p.m. (S. T.), at Khaitboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort. (In English) on Vedanta Philosophy (Brahma Sutra).

WOMEN'S COUNCIL: To-day (Saturday), at University Lecture Room, South Wing. Speeches 11 to 1 p.m. Suggestions and Resolutions for Consolidation and Expansion of Council's work. Opening of the Exhibition of Women's Handwork, at 5-15 p.m., By H. H. the Rani Saheba of Jasdan.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Evolution and Discipleship" will be the subject of a free public lecture to be delivered to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

TRINITY MUTUAL HEALTH CLINIC. (Orient High School, Kelewadi, Girgaum) will be open for public on Saturday and Sunday between 4 and 6 p.m.

MONTHLY FLAG SALUTATION CEREMONY: The monthly flag salutation ceremony will be held on to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m., in the compound of the Om Samarth Bharat Vyayam Mandir, Y Road, Dadar.

SION TALUKA C.S.—A flag salutation ceremony will be held in the compound of Mahavir Building (near market), Matunga G.I.P. Sri Nagindas T. Master, Mayor, will unfurl the flag.

FREE FIRST AID CLASS.—Mr. D. S. Bharucha will start one First Aid Class in English from today (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. in the Red Cross Bldg., Town Hall, Free lectures delivered once a week.

PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY LEAGUE.—Programme at Chandivaly to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. for the presentation of certificates and medals to successful candidates. Shree Nathji will preside.

BHAGOJI SETH KEER.—The first anniversary of the late Shriman Bhagoji Seth Keer, the pioneer of the Pan-Hindu temple at Ratnagiri, will be observed at Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road, Dadar, at 9-30 p.m. today (Saturday).

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ.—Prof. Vasant D. Rao to lecture on 'Draft Constitution of India by M. N. Roy' today (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in the N. D. Prabhu Seminary Hall, Bhatiiwanji Lane, Thakurdwar. Prof. G. D. Parikh to preside.

CHARKHA CLASSES.—Under the auspices of Girgaum D. C. C. a Charkha classes will be conducted every Saturday and Sunday at the Model Industrial School, near Jinnah Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, between 4-30 and 5-30 p.m. on Saturdays and between 9-30 and 10-30 a.m. on Sundays.

ROOPMATI AUR BAZ BAHADUR.—Today (Saturday) at 8-15 p.m. All-India Radio, Bombay, presents on 89.15 metres 'Roop Mati aur Baz Bahadur' a musical feature which relates the story of Roopa the simple village girl and Baz Bahadur—the valiant general of Emperor Akbar. The composer is G. M. Durani—and the story is F. A. Siddiqui's.

CONTEMPORARY THEORIES.—Talk by Dr. H. J. B. Bhabha, F.R.S., the young Indian scientist of international repute, will conclude AIR Bombay's series entitled 'Our University' with a talk on Contemporary Theories. Dr. Bhabha's talk is addressed to University students and will be broadcast today (Saturday) at 8-45 p.m. both on 244 and 89.15 metres.

HEALTH EXHIBITION at the Victoria Gardens open from 8-30 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Free Cinema films shown from 8-15 p.m. to 9-15 p.m.

BOMBAY TAXI DRIVERS' UNION: Meeting on Sunday, at 9-30 a.m., at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, Bombay.

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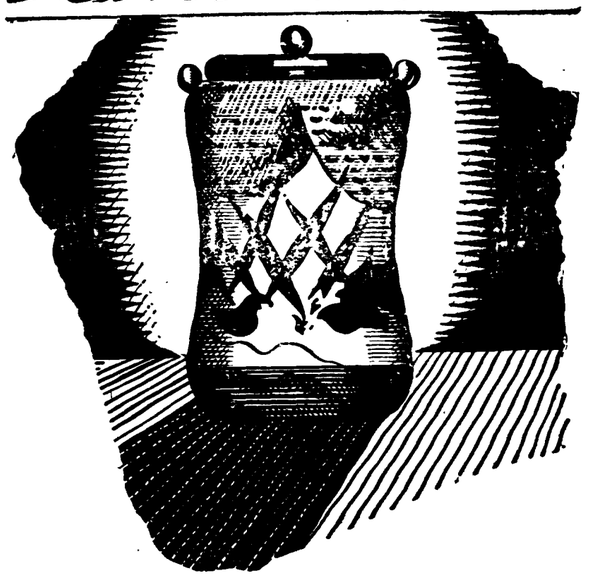

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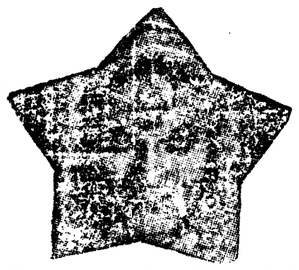

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(LEFT) Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia conversing in French with President Roosevelt on the deck of the U. S. Warship anchored in Great Bitter Lake near Cairo, where the President stopped on his journey home from the Crimea Conference at Yalta. He conferred with Emperor Selassie concerning post-war improvements of communications and personally thanked him for the gift of the site and buildings to be used as an American Legation in Addis Ababa. (RIGHT) King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia talking with President Roosevelt on the deck of a U. S. warship anchored in Great Bitter Lake, near Cairo where President Roosevelt stopped on his journey home from the Crimea Conference at Yalta. The warship on which President Roosevelt travelled entered the Red Sea port of Jidda to take the King Ibn Saud on board. From there they passed through the Suez Canal, and travelled more than 700 miles to Cairo. This is the first time King Ibn Saud has left his homeland.

Burma Blueprinters Reply To Indian Press Comments

LONDON Feb. 21: The following 'Open Letter to the Press of India' has been written by six out of the seven members of the Burma sub-committee of the Conservative Party Imperial Affairs Committee, in reply to Indian Press criticisms of the recently published blue print for Burma:

"We have now had an opportunity of studying Press reports and leading articles published in India on the subject of our blue print for Burma and the debate in the House of Commons which arose out of it. We are surprised to notice that in many quarters the spirit of goodwill towards Burma, which animated us was distorted as a result of the abbreviated extracts of the reports which were published in India.

"Much criticism seems to have been levelled against our recommendation of a six-year period of reconstruction, during which Burma would be directly administered by the Governor assisted by a Council of Representative Burmans. This has been interpreted as a retrograde constitutional step whereas we regarded the six-year period essential as one for recuperation during which conditions brought about by the ravages of the war. In some quarters here in Britain our recommendations were regarded as going too fast in India they appear to have been interpreted by many as going too slow. We remain convinced that we advocated the most advanced solution that is practicable in the circumstances.

"On one point of detail we are surprised to notice that our reference to British firms being entitled to compensation was read as if it referred only to United Kingdom firms. By British we mean British that is say all countries within the British Commonwealth and the Empire. "It would be unfortunate if the circumstances of distance which require brevity in the reports of our proceedings should have caused any misunderstanding as to the intentions of the Committee which is a sincere friend to Burma."

The signatories to the letter are Mr. Somerset de Chair, Mr. J. J. Craik Henderson, Mr. E. H. Keeling, Mr. Geoffrey Nicholson, Sir Stanley Reed, and Col. Sidney Shephard. The seventh member of the Committee, Col. Seymour-Wedderburn is away on active service.

TAGORE INSTITUTE IN ENGLAND

Prominent Writers And Politicians Lend Support

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, Feb. 19.

In the remarkably short space of time that he has been in England, Mr. Subrata Roy Choudhury, social worker from Bengal, has made himself most popular with the Indian students in Cambridge. Side by side with his studies he is devoting time and energy to the one task that is dearest to his heart—laying the foundation for the establishment of a Tagore Institute at Cambridge. The governing body of Viswabharati has every reason to feel gratified that Roy Choudhury has succeeded securing the co-operation of well-known literati and politicians in this work. Poet T. S. Eliot, Philosopher Bertrand Russell, Lecturer Edward Thompson and Politician Lord Huntingdon are amongst those who have associated themselves with Roy Choudhury in perpetuating Tagore's memory in Britain.

Lord Listowell is also very enthusiastic. In the course of a letter to Roy Choudhury, the Under-Secretary of State for India writes: I am myself a great admirer of Tagore's writings. I am sure an institution of this kind would be invaluable as a cultural link between this country and India. I wish utmost success to this undertaking".

I understand that Bertrand Russell who is patron of the Institute may be elected its First President.

It must be noted that the Tagore Society in London is in no way associated with the establishment of the Tagore Institute in Cambridge, work for which is being done by Mr. Subrata Roy Choudhury as authorised by Doctor Amiya Chakravarty on behalf of the governing body of Viswabharati.

PUNJAB HINDUS FAVOUR FORMATION OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Reply To Sapru Questionnaire: Plan For Interim Government Outlined

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

Opposition to the establishment of an independent Pakistan State or States as envisaged in the resolution of the All-India Muslim League passed in 1940 and amplified in Mr. Jinnah's letter dated September 25, 1944, to Mahatma Gandhi is voiced in a memorandum submitted by 15 Hindu leaders of the Punjab to the Sapru Committee today.

The memorandum points out that the establishment of such an independent State or States will not serve the interests of either Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs or Christians. Instead of solving the communal problem, it will accentuate it.

The signatories state: "The Muslim League claim for the establishment of Pakistan is the natural sequence of the spirit of separatism introduced in the body politic of India by the adoption of separate communal electorates. India has unfortunately been put on the wrong track and the only alternative scheme that we can suggest is the introduction of joint electorates with reservation of seats. An adequate share for the minorities in the Legislature should be secured by joint electorates and reservation of seats for recognised minorities. If any weightage is to be given it should be on a uniform basis at the Centre and in the Provinces. In no province should any minority be given less representation than is due to it on population basis. Reservation of seats should cease after 20 years or earlier if the communities concerned agree."

The signatories are opposed to communal considerations being introduced in recruitment to services and by way of compromise suggest that 50 per cent posts in all public service be recruited purely on merit as a result of public examination and the remaining 50 per cent filled on population basis by selecting the best candidates from each community. Communal inequities, if any, in the first half should not be made up from the other half. This latter percentage should be reduced after every five years by progressive stages and entirely done away with after 20 years.

As regards executive Governments in the Provinces and at the Centre during the transitional period of 20 years it is suggested that these should be of a composite nature reflecting the proportion of each community in the various legislatures. They should be removable by a vote of no-confidence by the legislature.

STATES IN ALL-INDIA UNION.

The signatories are strongly in favour of inclusion of Indian states in an All-India Union as they feel that such a Union will be in the interests of both Indian India and British India. They are in general agreement with the division of functions between the Centre and the units as given in the list appended to the Government of India Act, 1935, and are in favour of vesting residuary powers in the Centre. They are opposed to the British Indian provinces being given the liberty of not acceding to the All-India Union and suggest that Indian states should also be given no such option.

For framing the new constitution the signatories suggest the formation of a constituent assembly composed of representatives of provincial legislatures elected one for every ten members on the basis of proportional representation with single transferable vote, until such time as the new constitution comes into force they suggest the formation of a national Government at the Centre.

Such cabinet should have on it persons representing various communities and interests in the same ratio as reelected in the Legislature. Excepting Defence and Foreign Affairs, all other subjects should be transferred to the members of the Executive Council. There should be a well understood convention that His Excellency the Governor-General shall be guided by the advice of his ministers in all matters concerning departments under their charge.

In the event of failure to agree on the part of the members of the constituent assembly to evolve a constitution for India they suggest that the provisions of the Government of India Act with regard to Federation should be given effect to. In case the requisite number of states are not prepared to accede a federation of the British Indian provinces should be formed.

Signatories to the memorandum are Raja Narendra Nath, Rai Bahadur Ramsaran Das, Sir Gokul Chand Narang, Rai Bahadur Gopal Das, Rai Bahadur Mukandlal Puri, Rai Bahadur Badridas, Mahashe Krishen, Mahashe Khushal Chand Anand, Captain Keshap Chandra, Rai Bahadur Dr. Mathuradas, Rai Bahadur Durgadas, Malik Arjandas Mr. M. R. Kohli, Bawa Gurmukh Singh and Lala Brijlal.—A. P.

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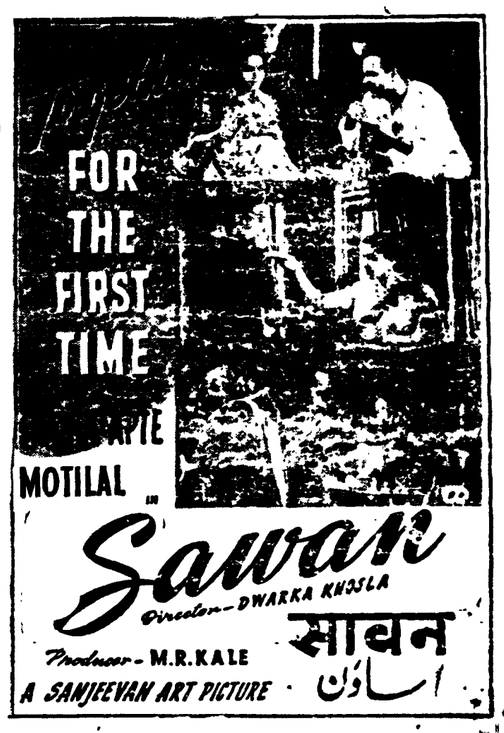

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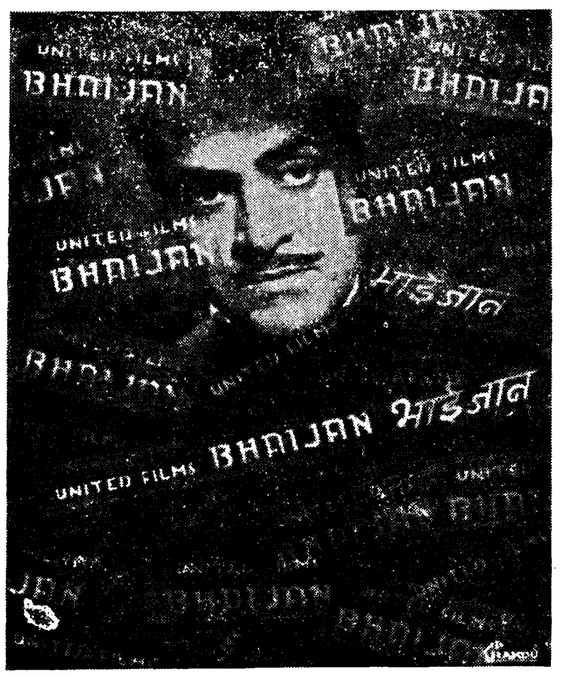

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Heaviest Attack On Germany

Over 6,000 Aircraft Take Part

LONDON, Feb. 22.

German communications throughout Western Central Germany may have been put out of action for some time as a result of today widespread air assault on roads and railways, says Reuter's special correspondent with the Tactical Air Force in Belgium.

The raids covered Germany's entire secondly system of communications after the virtual break down of the main road rail traffic caused by previous air attacks.

Over 6,000 aircraft based in Britain, the low countries, France and Italy—the maximum strength of the combined British and American bomber and fighter commando—took part in what were the greatest ever co-ordinated attacks on the German communications system.

The attacks were made on targets from Denmark to Austria and ove: the entire area of central and Western Germany.

Stream Of Refugees From Berlin

A stream of refugees, forty miles long travelling in every conveyance imaginable, was reported by fighter pilots back from Germany. "There must have been 10,000 people strung out on the roads of north-western Germany, between Emden and Munster, moving north-east and east", said the pilot.

At least three jetpropelled Messerschmidt were destroyed in the air by fighters during the day's operations.

All-Party Parliamentary Delegation For India

Committee Of Congressmen In London In Negotiations With Indian Leaders

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Reuter learns that fresh developments have taken place regarding the All-Party Parliamentary Delegation to India to end the present Indian political deadlock.

The Committee of Indian Congressmen which is sponsoring the delegation is now in communication with Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Mr. Bulabhai Desai, regarding the reception of the delegation by political communal organisations in India.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a cable to the Chairman of the Committee of Indian Congressmen said the delegation would be welcome in India.

Mr. A. N. Bose, the General Secretary of the Committee, who is at present in India has interviewed Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mrs. Naidu and other Indian Congress and moderate leaders with a view to the presentation of an agreed policy to end the Indian political deadlock.—Reuter.

Indian Immigration For U. S.

WASHINGTON (Thursday): The question of Indian immigration to the United States and the naturalisation of Indians as American citizens may become clarified in a fortnight.

Mr. E. J. Shaughnessy, liaison officer in charge of immigration affairs between the Department of Justice and the Congress, told Reuter with reference to the Ball and Capper Bills said: "The matter is being actively considered by both departments and their position will be made clear in the near future—perhaps in two weeks time."

Another War After 3 Years

Goebbels Predicts Rupture Between England. America And Russia

LONDON, Feb. 22

The German News Agency quoting this week's issue of "Das Reich" says Goebbels predicts a third world war starting in 1948.

He made a great play of the Yalta Conference decisions and fancifully pictured the next war—"of very short duration"—as taking place first between Britain and the Soviet Union and extending later to a Soviet attack on the United States when Americans would "curse the day on which the long forgotten American President gave full rein to this development in the communique issued at the Yalta Conference."—Reuter.

Abolition Of Censorship In Post-War Period Urged

LONDON, Feb. 22.

British and Empire newspaper interests have all emphasised the important ance of "uncontrolled and unrestricted news dissemination from and to all countries.", after the war.

50 P. C. Increase In Madras Entertainment Tax Proposed

MADRAS, Feb. 22.

The Government of Madras propose to increase the present entertainment tax by 50 per cent from April 1st, 1945. Under the New Rate the yield is expected to be about Rs. 40,00,000.

A draft amending bill for the purpose has been published for eliciting public opinion. The Government have also decided to hand over the entire net proceeds from the tax to the respective local bodies.—A. P.

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'Big 3' Agree To Treat France On Equal Footing?

PARIS, Feb. 22.

The French Government has received satisfactory replies from three Allied Governments concerning the Yalta decisions stated a French Foreign Office spokesman today, says Reuter's special correspondent.

The replies were described as full and prompt and left official quarters here with the impression that the three powers were agreed to include France in consultations on all pending questions on a footing of full equality.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT LONDON

Likely To Get Clarification On Position Of France Arising From Crimea Conference

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, has accepted an invitation to visit this country shortly as the guest of the Government, it was officially announced.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CLARIFICATION

The coming visit to London of the French Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, affords the opportunity to clarify the position as affecting France which results from the Crimea Conference, to develop the plans for accelerating and increasing economic aid to France and to seek an agreed policy on questions of Anglo-French interest, notably the Levant, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

POLITICAL TURMOIL IN EGYPT

Pan-Arab Talks Thrown Into Shade

CAIRO, Feb. 22.

Reuter's special correspondent, Cairo writes. The Pan-Arab talks have been thrown into shade by developments in Egyptian internal politics. Cairo is buzzing with rumours and Government, particularly the Prime Minister, Ahmed Meher is engaged in a series of consultations.

A procession of Elder Egyptian statesmen has visited Ahmed Meher at his request and there was a most significant development today when the Secretary General of the Opposition, Wafdist Party called on the Prime Minister for a lengthy conversation.

STRIDE TO "END OF ALL WARS" GOAL

U. S. Vice-President On Significance Of Cairo Conference

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, Feb. 22.

The Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Harry S. Truman, in his Washington birthday address tonight said the Cairo-Conference was recognised by "all but a cynical few" as a stride towards the goal of an "end to all wars." "America can no longer sit smugly behind any mental Maginot line". Mr. Truman declared. "Either America must be constantly ready to repel alone all and any attacks from the rest of the world or we must be willing to co-operate with friendly states to check the first sign of aggression on the part of any member of the family of nations.

Warsaw Govt. Warn About Polish Merchant Fleet

LONDON, Feb. 21: The Polish Provisional Government in Warsaw will not recognise any transfer of interests in the Polish Merchant Fleet by the Polish Shipowners' Association, according to an official statement issued by the "Polpress" Agency. A statement made by the representative in London of the Provisional Government said a majority of shares in the Merchant Fleet are owned by the Polish State in agreement with the Government's declaration of January 1 this year. The Provisional Government, therefore, "gives due warning" that any transfer, which it is rumoured the Shipowners' Association is contemplating, "will be considered null and void".—Reuter.

PUNJAB TO HAVE POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION FUND

Two Crores Contributed From Current Year's Surplus

LAHORE, Feb. 23.—A post-war reconstruction fund with an initial contribution of rupees two crores from the current year's surplus, has been created by the Punjab Government to finance post-war development and reconstruction schemes which are under the consideration of Government. Supplementary estimates for this and many other schemes which are intended to prepare the ground for post-war reconstruction in the Punjab were presented to the Punjab Assembly today by Sir Manohar Lal, Finance Minister.

The supplementary estimates which aggregate Rs. six and half crores indicate that the Special Development Fund and the Peasants Welfare Fund which have been a special feature of the Punjab Finances under Provincial Autonomy have been augmented with contributions of Rs. 40 lakhs and Rs. 60 lakhs respectively from the Revenue surplus of the current year.

In addition to these funds a forest reconstruction fund with a contribution of Rs. 15 lakhs has been created to ensure that the Punjab forests are properly conserved during the lean years after the war.—A.P.

SWEEPERS STRIKE IN BURHAMPUR: 10 ARRESTED

BURHAMPUR, Feb. 22.

Sweepers of Burhampur have struck work as their demands for an increase in salary were not conceded ten of them have been arrested.—A. P.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 23: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 a.m. on Feb. 23:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Political internationalism without economic internationalism is a house built upon sand.
—Wendell Willkie.

The Bombay Chronicle

ANTI-UNTOUCHABILITY PROPAGANDA

The throwing open to Harijans of two private temples at Kamatipura on Thursday was one of the finest items in celebrating the death anniversary of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi. Temple entry for Harijans, as a conclusive proof of the removal of untouchability, is dearest to the heart of Gandhiji and must be most pleasing to the soul of Shrimati Kasturba. When in 1932 Gandhiji undertook what is known as his "epic fast", Hindus all over India started a lightning propaganda for the removal of untouchability in general and for temple entry in particular. Most intensive was the propaganda in Bombay city and a number of temples were rapidly thrown open to Harijans. At a huge public meeting in the city the Hindus pledged themselves "to secure by every legitimate and peaceful means an early removal of all social disabilities now imposed by custom upon the so-called untouchable classes including the bar in respect of admission to temples." The pledge also stated: "Henceforth among Hindus, no one shall be regarded as an untouchable by reason of his birth and those who have been so regarded hitherto will have the same rights as other Hindus in regard to the use of public wells, public schools, public roads and all other public institutions. This right shall have statutory recognition at the first opportunity."

How was the pledge honoured after Gandhiji ended his fast? Propaganda slackened unduly and was left almost entirely to Gandhiji and the newly started Anti-Untouchability League. Later the League was named Harijan Sevak Sangh. The change of name is itself suggestive of the shifting of emphasis from anti-untouchability propaganda among caste Hindus to ameliorative service of Harijans. The latter is doubtless precious but by itself it may not remove untouchability for decades to come. The Harijan Sevak Sangh has done splendid ameliorative and educational work for Harijans. But its anti-untouchability propaganda among caste Hindus needs to be considerably intensified. Gandhiji himself stated in one of his statements issued in 1932 from Yeravada Prison: "The first and foremost item in the programme of work should be a whirlwind propaganda for educating and canvassing opinion among caste Hindus. This work can be done by personal visits on a most intensive scale and by flooding the country with literature on the subject."

In the absence of such propaganda progress in the removal of untouchability has been—painfully slow and in villages it is almost negligible. In numerous villages and small towns Harijans are still denied free access to public wells, let alone entry into temples. Even in cities they cannot build or rent houses in the localities of caste Hindus. Even in a city like Bombay most Hindu restaurants fight shy of admitting Harijans freely. Most Hindu temples continue to be closed to them. Fortunately since Gandhiji's latest appeals for concentration on the constructive programme Harijan work seems to have received more attention. It is said that a number of Harijan Sevak Sanghs including that of Bombay have decided to lay special emphasis on anti-untouchability propaganda. It is a welcome recognition of an elementary duty. But let us make amends and discharge the duty earnestly. Let the people of Bombay in particular remind themselves of their pledge taken twelve years ago "to secure by every legitimate and peaceful means an early removal of all social disability now imposed by custom upon the so-called untouchable classes including the bar in respect of admission to temples." It is needless to add that free admission to hotels and restaurants is a duty which brooks no further delay.

Bombay Women's Conference

The Bombay Presidency Women's Council, which held its annual conference in the University Convocation Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, is one of the oldest and leading institutions of the city serving the causes of womanhood. As pointed out by Mrs. Kamala Dongerkery, President of the Council, it was at first an aristocratic organisation managed by a few fortunately placed women out is now transformed into an organisation in which the humblest finds herself at home. Mrs. Dongerkery rightly suggested that one of the main functions of women's institutions is to educate public opinion regarding the hardships encountered by less fortunately placed women and to stimulate and pool together thought for concerted action. Such action will be possible and effective if there is due co-ordination between the various women's institutions engaged in more or less similar work.

Many social difficulties prevent Indian women from working in large numbers outside their homes. But some of these difficulties can be removed if, as suggested by Shrimati Kamaladevi, who inaugurated the conference, creches, nursery schools and community kitchens are made available on a large scale. One of the resolutions of the Conference urges the Bombay Municipality to provide in each group of municipal chawls a creche, so that workers may leave their children in a place of safety. The resolution deserves to be sympathetically considered by the Municipality. One of the best means of helping women culturally and economically is to give them all suitable education in their girlhood, more or less on the lines of the Basic system. And in doing this institutions like the Bombay Presidency Women's Council can be of great use.

Frankly Speaking

The Jap Fleet

Observers in Washington believe that Japan has now been reduced to the status of a third rate naval power and that the total Japanese fleet is now only one fifth as strong and numerous as the American fleet operating in the Pacific. This is, broadly, a correct estimate. A British correspondent thinks that the Japs have no more than six large and twenty-five pocket aircraft carriers, 80 cruisers, fifty destroyers and 10 battleships in various states of serviceability. The Americans are challenging Japan with four times as many. And then there are the two British fleets lined up against Japan. That Japan is broken from the naval point of view has been graphically proved by the recent American assault on the Tokyo area and Iwo-jima. The Japanese fleet is dead. And it is a good thing.

Interesting Comparison

According to Globe, the Soviet Government has awarded a life pension of 2,000 roubles a month (£240) to the widow of the late General Chernyokhovsky and the equivalent of £20 a month each to his son and daughter until they have completed their education. There is, also, a lump sum given to the family in addition to the monthly allowances. Globe provides an interesting comparison with British practice. In Britain the widow of a British General receives £540 a year with £260 a year for each child. It is noteworthy that apart from the lump sum of £2,500 Chernyokhovsky family receives less than that of any British General. Moreover, while the British practice applies uniformly to every British General regardless of the value of his contribution, Chernyokhovsky's is very deservedly an exceptional case and not all Soviet Generals are treated like Chernyokhovsky. This is an important point: recognition is based in one country on distinction of rank, in the other on that of merit. But whether the distinctive advantages of merit should be inherited is another question.

Revealing Answer

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Mr. L. S. Amery made the following inspiring statement which presumably is expected to make Indians glow with pride:

"Indian officers are now in command of 18 infantry battalions, 3 regiments of Indian Armoured Corps and 9 units of Indian State Forces serving with the Indian Army. There are also ten Indian officers in Lieutenant Colonel's appointments in the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. On staff there is one Indian serving in the rank of a Brigadier and 19 in Lieutenant Colonel's staff appointments".

An Honour?

One comparison will be enough to bring out the significance of these figures. India, we are assured, has today the largest "volunteer army" in the world. Its numerical strength is about 2 million. This army has officers of ranks above that of Major as given by Mr. Amery. The smallest of any of the armies of the United Nations or of the Axis enemies has absolutely, let alone relatively, more Lieutenant Colonels, Colonels and Generals from among its own nationals than this the greatest volunteer army in the world. This is not exaggeration, but the literal truth. This Indian army, now 2,000,000 strong, has despite decades of existence under British rule possesses about fifty Indian Lieutenant Colonels and Colonels. And in the upper ranks the Indian is represented in the Brigadier class—lowest among Generals by the magnificent figure of ONE. Just one, while there is not a single Indian above a Brigadier. Mr. Amery did not reveal similar statistics in the Navy and the Air Force. They are no better. In fact, worse. The Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force stand no comparison even in ships and squadrons, to say nothing of the position as regards officers, stand no comparison with, say, New Zealand. Is the military greatness of India as revealed by Mr. Amery's answer an honour for this country? The irony is that we are expected to feel it as such.

"Blue Print For Burma"

Articles have recently been appearing in your columns and those of certain of your contemporaries which are calculated to give a most misleading impression of the position of British commerce in relation to reconstruction in Burma.

It appears likely that some part of the suspicion that British interests are receiving first consideration has been prompted by the publication in November 1944 of a Report by certain Conservative Members of Parliament known as "Blue Print for Burma".

The recommendation contained in that Report that "British" firms operating in Burma should receive compensation for war losses appears on the face of it to imply that only British firms, in the narrowest sense, should receive it. If that was the authors' intention, British commercial interests are not in agreement with them on this point; nor do they agree with their attitude generally towards the Indian community of Burma. The London representatives of the Burma Chamber of Commerce promptly and publicly criticised both these features of the Report.

That Indians connected with Burma should feel injured by the passages in question is understandable, but it is regrettable that these passages should have been associated with British commercial interests. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is also being suggested that British interests are being shown preference in regard to re-entry into and resumption of operations in Burma. British no less than Indian interests are anxious that trade should be restored to normal channels as soon as circumstances will permit, but throughout the period of preparation the Burma Chamber of Commerce has constantly affirmed that no preference in rehabilitation is sought for British concerns. British and Indian commerce will have complementary parts to play in assisting Burma to rise again from the state of economic distress that has been wrought by the Japanese occupation.

G. E. J. ROBERTSON,
Chairman,
Burma Chamber of Commerce.
9, Clive Street, Calcutta.

TURKEY VOTES FOR WAR AGAINST AXIS

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Ankara Radio said today that the British Ambassador to Turkey has invited the Turkish Government to take part in the San Francisco Conference.

The Radio said that the condition for Turkey's participation in the Conference was that Turkey should declare war against the Axis by March 1.

The Radio added that the British Ambassador had been informed that the suggestion of Turkish declaration of war against Germany and Japan would be submitted to the Turkish National Assembly.

The Radio later announced that the Turkish National Assembly has unanimously approved declaration of war against the Axis.—Reuter.

Alexander Was Certain Britain Would Not Be Conquered

"Attitudes And Latitudes"

By "BIRBAL"

THE YALTA MONSTER

"When one is not able to fortify justice, one justifies force", wrote the great French thinker Pascal. That thought probably explains the recent complacent, almost smug, reception given to the 'dictat' of the Big Three issued, appropriately, from a Tsar's summer palace. An article in the 'New Leader', the I.L.P. weekly, deplores the general acceptance in Britain of what it describes as "the transparently false slogans, cynically or stupidly put forward by leaders of the United Nations." Things are not very different over here. Contrary to Mr. M. Y. Nurie's claim that India has always extended her support "to all fettered peoples", one of the worst features of the Yalta deal—the betrayal of the Polish nation—has been generally referred to as an "obituary notice" of the Polish Government in London. Actually, it is the obituary notice to a decent and peaceful world order.

George Orwell, the eminent Socialist writer, recently referred to the attitude of pseudo-Leftists in this connection in the London Socialist journal, the 'Tribune': "Their attitude towards Russian foreign policy is not: 'Is this policy right or wrong?' but: 'This is Russian policy; how can we make it appear right?' And this attitude is defended, if at all, solely on grounds of power. This involves a principle which of its nature is alien to Socialism, that you must not protect against an evil which you cannot prevent."

It is time, in the light of the Yalta decisions, for the prattle about India being represented at the Peace Conference to stop. Indeed, the one redeeming feature in this grim setting is that the Indian nation is "well away from such a deed." Can one imagine Mahatma putting his signature to the Yalta communique? Gandhiji has, on the contrary, in his statement of February 19, expressed his fear that "out of the ashes of Fascism, Nazism and Japanese militarism will have risen a new monster that will seek to eat all it sees and in the attempt will be eaten up, leaving I know not what."

BRASS HAT 'BRASS':

The Indian politician used to be as nervous about the army as the British Victorian spinster was about her own or other people's tummies. Reasons for this nervousness were the racial consciousness of military defeat and the continuous presence in the country of the conqueror as ruler by right of conquest. In the politics of submission it was convenient to overlook the fact that the ultimate reality of national power is based on the integration of military efficiency and public opinion. Burking the issue by generations of Indian leaders was tantamount to permitting the British to have a total monopoly in all matters connected with the defence of the country. It was thus with the righteous air of a spokesman on behalf of an incontestable monopoly that Lt. General Sir Henry Wilcox, Chairman of the Army Reorganization Committee told a press conference last week that the composition of his committee was beyond criticism because "it was not exactly a Government Committee" but one appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

The organization of the Indian army has never been a Government business in the sense that it is in other countries. No Indian Hore-Belisha has ever tried to play football with Brass hats. But neither has exclusively Brass hat organization been such a success that no one should dare to suggest the seeking of non-professional aid.

Victor Baylot, a devoted student of the history and doings of the Indian Army, in his book "Is India Impregnable?" says "until a few years ago there was a system which caused a substantial part of the Indian army to resemble the Russian horde (of the Czar) from which it doubtless took its origin." The Russian army is efficient to day because its organization is mainly left to intelligent non-military Russians for over a decade.

The British military mind is a rather unmoving psychological phenomenon according to authorities like Liddel Hart and it will surprise no one if a purely military reorganization committee should decide that construction on the "horde" principle is still the best for India which is dismissed in Boycott's 'Elements of Imperial Defence', as an area that "serves as an admirable training ground (for British troops) since minor operations are not infrequently undertaken and experience is gained in the conduct of war against semi-savage tribes." Indian opinion is no more content to see the country provide admirable training ground nor watch the mustering of hordes. After Singapore it is realized that military genius is not the monopoly of British generals and the demand for the representation of intelligent non-professional opinion on the Army Reorganization Committee is the result of much disillusionment.

THIS INDIA: It is not so rare as may be imagined for an elder statesman in our country to produce a gem of ponderous nonsense or for a sundried bureaucrat to perpetrate a verbal outrage or for a newspaper to lapse into excruciatingly amusing gaucherie. "Birbal" proposes each Saturday to lay at the feet of his readers one such pearl of unwisdom. Any reader who culls such a flower is invited to co-operate by sending it to "Birbal" (c/o this paper). If it is worthy of publication in this column, it will fetch a prize of Rs. 5. Here are some specimens to guide enthusiasts in their search for gems. On February 14, a leading daily, for instance, regaled its readers with the headline: "Wavells In Game Sanctuary". On the same day, the Home Member, replying to a question in the Assembly as to the number of prisoners sentenced to death under the Defence of India Rules observed in all seriousness that "the information and the labour involved in collecting it would not be justified in wartime".

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Personal Reactions Of Field Marshal When He Was Last Man To Leave Dunkirk

By D. F. KARAKA. "Chronicle" War Correspondent
A. HQ. MEDITERRANEAN, February 21.

Genuinely shy of publicity, betraying nervousness of a highly strung race horse, Field Marshal Alexander received me in his unassuming office.

Outside was a notice which read: "No Entry." As an Irish guardsman, he fought in the last war. He is the product of Harrow Sandhurst—an aristocrat not only because of his ancestry but also because of himself. He reflects that quality of the British character—unassailable dignity, tempered only by his sense of wry humour and his subtle charm, both of which are obviously because of the Irish in him.

While holding so high a position as that of Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean, Field Marshal Alexander still retains certain simplicity which is uncanny. It is said that in the days of Cassino he took almost a boyish delight in watching the eruptions of the Vesuvius, always retaining a balance between that which was serious and that which was relaxation. Likewise to me he said he knew Hindustani; then with almost a blush he added: "I passed my high standard examination in it."

SOLDIER'S ART OF WAR

He was a Colonel of the 32nd Punjab Regiment. He commanded the Nowshera Brigade from 1934 to 1937. Of Indian soldiers he said: "Of all the people fighting, these men take immense pride in the profession of the Army. They come from warrior families and fight because they look upon the soldier's art as the most honourable form of life."

Field Marshal Alexander pointed out that soldiers of various countries had individual characteristics. He confirmed what had been told me before that the Indian soldier liked to have time to prepare for a big scale attack and not be hustled into it.

He did not share my wishful thinking about the possibility of Field Marshal Kesselring withdrawing from Italy. He clarified General Mark Clark's warning to Italians regarding the bombing of Northern Italy in the event of a German retreat, by pointing out that General Clark's remarks were a warning "in the event of such a withdrawal". He took the view that Nazis would fight to the bitter end.

The fall of Berlin would be a tremendous moral blow and if Berlin was cut off German organised resistance would begin to crumble. He agreed that there may not be a formal surrender, but eventually Nazis would lose control and there would be increased desertions from the German Army till organised resistance would break down.

As Supreme Commander of this theatre, he had recently returned from Greece. His sphere of command covers Greece and Yugoslavia also and with spotlight being focused on Yugoslavia today and on Marshal Tito there were a lot of things on Field Marshal Alexander's hands.

A PERSONAL QUESTION

Before I left I said to him: "I would like to ask you one question, sir, which is probably rather personal. You were the last man from Dunkirk. They say you went all round in a launch to make sure all your men had got away. What were your personal feelings at that moment?"

Always a little shy, he pointed out that though he still believed that Britain would not be conquered—for it had not been since the day of William the Conqueror, he could not see how the war would ever be won. "But you see it has happened."

He looked upon El Alamein and Stalingrad as the two turning points of this war.

It is with such unassuming qualities like that of Field Marshal Alexander that great men are born.

Assembly Passes Joshi's Cut Motion

Protest Against Sweating Of Railway Staff

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The Central Assembly passed by 43 votes to 38 Mr. N. M. Joshi's cut on the question of hours of work for railway staff.

Mr. Joshi moving the cut said that most of the workers had to put in 12 to 14 hours a day. There were others like Assistant Station Masters who had to do continuous night duty for years on end.

He urged that the Government of India should review the question and fix eight hours a day for all employees. With the surplus finances of the railways, this was the best time to introduce reforms.

Prof. N. G. Ranga said that over-work was a contributory cause of accidents.

Mr. Mohammad Nauman said that he knew of several instances where Muslim employees were refused leave on Id Days. He urged the introduction of the eight-hour day.

Mr. Frank Anthony dealt with the difficulties of the running staff.

Col. Waystaff, Member Railway Board, said that the question had been examined with the Railwaymen's Federation. With the enormous increase in the traffic it had not been possible to avoid long hours and in some cases overwork although more men had been engaged.

The motion was passed.

Demands for adequate employment of the Oriyas and increased representation of the Sikhs in the Railway services were made during the debate on two further cut motions. The first was moved by Pandit Nilakanta Das and the other by Sardar Mangalsingh, both of them being withdrawn after a debate.

Pandit Maitra's cut motion urged the desirability of having judicial enquiries in all cases of accidents on railways involving loss of human life. Sir Edward Benthall, War-Transport Member, was replying to the debate on this motion, when five o'clock struck and the guillotine was applied, with the result that the House did not vote on that motion. Pandit Maitra took this as a deliberate attempt to prevent a vote and registered his resentment by calling a division on the first demand which was put to vote. The Congress and Muslim League parties had not been previously consulted on this matter, and a difference of opinion was evident among their members about participating in the division. The Congress Party eventually voted with the Nationalists and later after some persuasion, a majority of the members of the League Party also voted with the Nationalists. Other League members did not vote. The result was a tie with 45 votes on either side. The Chair in accordance with convention gave its casting vote for the 'status quo' and the demand was declared voted. Other demands were put to vote and passed without a division, and the House adjourned to meet after Holi holidays on February 28.—A.P.

Assembly Interpellations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

In the Central Assembly today Sir Edward Benthall, Member for Transport, stated during question hour that the question of more rational re-groupings was under active consideration by the Government.

Sir Edward Benthall further stated that new orders for 550 gauge locomotives and 70 metre gauge locomotives had been placed and were expected to be put into service in the current year. Fifty metre gauge locomotives were expected to return back from overseas. From January 1, 1943 to February 1, 1945, Sir Edward added, 277 new broad gauge and 34 new metre gauge locomotives had imported and put into service and 38 meter gauge locomotives had returned from overseas.

Sir Olaf Caroe, Foreign Secretary, informed Mr. K. S. Gupta that Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai got from the Government of India £5,500 per annum divided into a salary of £2,500 and a "frais de" representation of £3,000 free of income-tax. The Information Officer, Mr. Josselyn Hennessy got Rs. 2,500 plus £20 as overseas pay per mensem.—United Press.

BOMBAY MUST BECOME A CENTRE FOR URDU

BOMBAY, Friday.

The First Urdu Conference, Bombay, was held at the Saboo Siddiq Institute, Byculla, on Friday night. Dr. Maulvi Abdul Haq, presided. The Conference will continue till Sunday night when a Mushaira will be held.

After the reading of the Secretary's report, Mr. A.A.A. Fyzee, Chairman of the Reception Committee said Urdu in its simple form was already India's lingua franca tehy must have more libraries and research institutions for all languages in Bombay.

Dr. Maulavi Abdul Haq who presided, said Parsees had done a good deal for Urdu by establishing the Urdu stage. Government had done nothing for development of Urdu. Sir Raffiuddin's efforts led to Urdu being recognised as the mother tongue of Muslim in Bombay Province Urdu must occupy a proper place in the proposed Maharashtra University. Urdu was not merely a cant language. Hindus, Muslims, Parsees, Sikhs and Christians had all helped in its development. Bombay had the best possibilities of becoming an important centre for Urdu.

Messages to the Conference were received from Gandhiji who wanted both Urdu and Hindi to prosper and Mr. Jinnah, Dr. Sapru, Dr. Zakir Hussain and Dr. Syed Mahamood.

NO COMPULSORY CLAUSES IN NEW ANGLO-U. S. OIL PACT.

WASHINGTON, Feb 23: The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator Tom Connally, said that the new Anglo-American Oil Agreement submitted to a secret session of his Committee would be based purely on voluntary measures and would not contain any compulsory clauses.

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Indian officers are now in command of 18 infantry battalions, 3 regiments of Indian Armoured Corps and 9 units of Indian State Forces serving with the Indian Army. There are also ten Indian officers in Lieutenant Colonel's appointments in the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. On staff there is one Indian serving in the rank of a Brigadier and 19 in Lieutenant Colonel's staff appointments."
—Mr. L. S. Amery.

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It is reported that the Frontier leaders who saw Mahatma Gandhi about the parliamentary situation in the Province, are carrying a sealed letter from Gandhiji to Dr. Khan Sahib.

This is rather serious.

But wait. Can't they be arrested on entering the Province under, any old provision of D.I.R. and their effects searched for objectionable literature?

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Asked in the Commons "Is Mr. Roy, to whom Earl Winterton refers, the one who received a £12,000 subsidy from the Indian Government?"

Mr. Amery replied: "I have already dealt with that point."

He has—to the tune £12,000 of the Indian tax-payer.

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Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, has told the House of Commons that "Our information services in Washington are doing very good work".

In our opinion too they certainly are, especially since the Americans—over—found them out.

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Goebbels, writing in his Das Reich on Yalta, predicts an inter-Allied third world war in 1948.

We half agree with Goebbels.

But before the local authorities reach for powers as by "Law" and "Ordinances" conferred on them, may we add that what we mean is that we agree with the 'implied' half of Dr. Goebbels' prediction: the admission that Nazi Germany herself is doomed and done for.

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According to an Athens report leaders of the Liberal Party, the Progressive Party, the Agrarian democratic Party and the Democratic Socialist Party have declared themselves in favour of Greece becoming a republic.

Then they too have plotted their copy books and must be denounced as—what was it Mr. Churchill denounced EAM and ELAS as?

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A French Foreign Office spokesman declares that the French Government has received satisfactory replies from the three Allied Governments concerning the Yalta decisions.

The French Government could have got them earlier at Algiers.

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His attention having been drawn to the following headline:

Kamalakvi says functions performed as Good House-wife By Woman are Not Recognised as Economic Asset,

the Junior Colleague begs the lady to change her mind.

How can anything incalculably dear be an economic asset?

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The man who thinks that the world owes him a living wants it a loaf at a time.

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When we know the weakness of eminent persons it consoles us for our own inferiority.

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If you start on a journey and forget to take an umbrella with you it's a sure sign of rain.

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Bashful lovers and kernels of corn usually turn white when they pop.

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It is said that haste makes waste, yet you seldom find a hustler in an almshouse.

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A vacuum is a physical impossibility that exists only in the minds of some people.

Out For Important Mission?

"Aga Khan To Launch Scheme To Solve Indian Deadlock"

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb 23

A prominent Muslim leader of United Provinces, it is reported, has received a telegram from Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan, which reveals that H. H. the Aga Khan is visiting India on an important mission.

The Khan, it is alleged, has a scheme for solution of the Indian problem, and he will launch a bold united offensive for this purpose.

It is not clear what would be the Aga Khan's attitude towards Mr. Jinnah and his Muslim League.

Basic Objectives Of U. S. Foreign Policy

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23: Five "basic objectives" of United States foreign policy were laid before the Inter-American Conference today by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Edward Stettinius.

They were: Earliest possible defeat of the aggressors; taking of any steps necessary "to insure that neither Germany nor Japan will ever again have the military or industrial capacity to make war"; participation in guaranteeing to liberated peoples in Europe their own Government and sovereign rights; creation before the end of the war of an "international organisation to ensure peace for the world by force if necessary." and development of the Atlantic Charter for peace to assure all men an opportunity "to live in freedom from fear and want."

Mr. Stettinius told the Conference that there was still the danger of secret Nazi Fascist infiltration into the political and economic life of the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Stettinius urged vigilance against any Nazi attempts to set up a base in the Western Hemisphere "for an ultimate come back."

CITY MEDICOS GREET RED ARMY CONFRERES

Pay Tributes To Achievements And Urge Exchange Of Scientific Literature

Members of the Red Army Medical Corps Soviet doctors and nurses, on the eve of the 27th anniversary of your Red Army we send you our warm greetings.

We know that much of the success of the Red Army is due to your skill and care in curing and returning to the front more than 75 per cent. of the wounded Red Army Men. Your contribution in defending your country against Fascism has been as great as that of the Red Army soldier. It has in no small measure helped other nations by shortening the war.

We have read with admiration of your magnificent achievements such as: for brain preserved nerve-grafts; Cadaveric blood-transfusion method of Prof. Judin; Cadaveric corneal grafts of Prof. Filatoff; Intrathecal injections of Lina Stern Solution to combat shock Army Medical Corps tactics of Dr. Burdenko.

That there has been no serious epidemic of Malaria or Typhus during the last 3 years when your country—which is very vast—was engaged in the most gigantic war is a proof positive of the excellences of your Public Health Organisation.

You have shown that medical science can achieve marvels and make this world more fit to live within a short period of 25 years by the aid of enthusiastic doctors and a co-operating government. The dictum that 'Health is one of the goods of life to which every one has a birth right just as everyone has a birth right to food clothing and education is brought into practice in your country, due to the excellent co-ordination amongst all medical personnel.

The only information about your achievements that we get is through the lay press and that too is very meagre and far between We should like to learn more about you and your achievements. We should like to receive scientific papers journals and books from you especially those that are available in English. We shall be pleased to send you our journals in exchange.

We greet you once again, Doctors and Nurses of the Red Army Medical Corps—the best in the world.

Sd. Drs:—

R. N. Cooper M.S. F.R.C.S Prof of Surgery G. S. Med. College.
Arthur D'Sa M. S. F. R. C. S.
Shridhar Oak, Secry. Bombay branch of Ind. Med. Assocn.
S. S. Sokhey. Director Haffkine Institute.
V. R. Khanolkar, Pathologist, Tata Memorial Hospital for Cancer.
H. V. Tilak. J. P. Chief Medical Officer, Y. L. Nair Hospital.
R. T. Desai. Principal National Med. College.
R. P. Koppikar Principal G. S. Med. College and Dean K. E. M. Hospitals.
U. B. Narayanrao. President all-India Medical Licentiates Association.
Munsif, F.R.C.S.
A. V. Baliga, F. R. C. S.
B. B. Yodh. M. D. M. R. C P
C. S. Patel F. R. C. S.
P. D. Kulkarni Secry. Bengal Medical Relief Committee. Bombay.
Lakdavala, Matron the Tata Cancer Hospital Bombay.
Staygo, Matron, Y. Nair Hospital.

BOMBAY TRIBUTES TO RED ARMY

British Policy Of Divide And Rule Recalled By Speakers

BOMBAY, Friday.

"Red Army Day", organised by the Friends of the Soviet Union, was observed at the Cama Oriental Institute Hall this evening. Mr. N. V. Gadgil presiding.

Mr. Harindranath Chhattopadhyya speaking at the meeting, described the Red Army as an army of culture fighting for the freedom of the world. It was because the soldiers of the Red Army fought for an ideal that the hearts of the liberty loving peoples of the world thrilled to their deeds of heroism.

Mr. K. A. Abbas recalled the pageant of a British regiment in a March past; it was an impressive display calculated to frighten the people of this country with their guns and canons. He referred to the British attitude towards the people of India by dividing them into martial and non-martial races. This invidious distinction was made to create a split in the unity of India and also to make a certain section of the people think that their highest duty lay in fighting for others.

But the Red Army was different from the Indian Army; it was composed of workers and peasants, they had no desire to oppress others. They were fighting for freedom, and for the principal of justice and humanity.

Prof. Patwardhan and Mr. N. K. Krishnan also spoke.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Mr. Gadgil, the President, extended his greetings to the heroic Red Army and hoped that the influence of their advance would be felt not only in Berlin but also in London.

He contrasted the privileges of the Russian soldier to the difficulties of the Indian Soldier. It was no wonder that in such circumstances the Government could create no great enthusiasm.

Orchestra and vocal music was provided by Mrs. Marthe Naidu, Mr. Philip Sweet, Miss Patuck and Mr. Sweet.

'RED ARMY DAY' CELEBRATION AT ROXY

The following is a special programme tomorrow (Sunday) at 10-15 a.m. at Roxy in celebration of the Red Army Day which will consist of: Lublin-Chelm—on Polish liberated territory, Concert of a Republic, "Frogs"—a cartoon, Red Army Celebrations in Moscow and Soviet National Anthem illustrated in film.

Prophet's Birthday Procession

To celebrate the Holy Prophet's birthday on Sunday Feb. 25, a procession under the auspices of the Central Khilafat Committee will start from the Khilafat House, Byculla Bridge, at 2-30 p.m. and will, as usual, pass through prominent Muslim localities. The procession will end at Chhota Qabristan at 6 p.m. where a public meeting will be held which will be addressed by Maulana Karam Ali and Maulana Hasrat Mohani. The flag-hoisting ceremony will be performed at the Khilafat House by Maulana Hasrat Mohani at 2-30 p.m.

Govt. Grain Shops To Close For Holi

All Government Grain Shops, Civil Supply Godowns and and Sales Sections and Ward Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District will remain closed on Tuesday (February 27) on account of Holi.

"Samrat Chandragupta" At West End To-day

Shanta Apte And Motilal Co-Starred In "Sawan"

Jayant Desai's latest and ambitious historical film "Samrat Chandragupta" will have its national premiere at New West End today.

In transcribing to screen the noble and inspiring story of "Samrat Chandragupta", Jayant Desai has been supported by an able band of writers, technicians and artistes. Ishwarlal, Renukadevi, Nayampalli, Mubarak, Sooraiya, Sulochana Chatterji Anil Kumar and others play the stellar roles.

"Bhaijan" Coming Soon

If the film is to be judged from its usefulness to society, very few Indian productions will stand the test. In these days of quick returns and profiteering, usually the film producers take the box office angle: Many pictures produced nowadays succeed at the box office irrespective of the contents. Those who subordinate the box office to social utility, or make the two meet in a film are few. Producer S. Murad and Director Khalil seem to belong to this category. Those who have seen the rushes of United Films' 'Bhaijan' declare that the picture is definitely an eye-opener from several view points. 'Bhaijan' is a Muslim social, and is awaiting a national premiere soon. It presents Shah Nawaz in the title role, and the heroine is played by Nurjehan.

"Naujavan" Still On Top

In Bombay, Delhi, Lucknow and Hyderabad alike Filmistan continues to top the box-office with its "Chal Chal re Naujavan". Apart from being a Mukerji production, which is a synonim for showmanship, which is fure has scenes, both grave and gay, which actually outdo the Mukerji reputation. Even favourite stars like Ashok Kumar and Nazeem stand transformed in this show. It is not often than an artiste gets the opportunity to show the amazing versatility that marks out every performance in "Naujavan".

They Meet In "Sawan"

SHANTA APTE.

Shanta Apte and Motilal have both made their name in the Indian Screen world. Both of them have appeared in several successful films. They are each a draw individually but they have never appeared together in any picture till now in their whole career.

For bringing them together for the first time in their career, credit goes to Sanjeevan Art Pictures and director Dwarka Khosla who has cast them as boy and girl in their forthcoming picture "Sawan". Besides these two well known stars, "Sawan" has Chandraprabha, Kayam Ali and Sushil Sahu in the cast. It is being produced by Madhav Kale.

Symbolism In 'Jwar Bhata'

It is not only in modern poetry that one comes across symbolism. Film producers also alive to different trends in art, have picked up this clever device and adapted it to their technique. In Bombay Talkies' pictures one sees a beautiful display of various artistic trends. In 'Jwar Bhata', a rose was offered to Renu, the heroine by the first man she loved. She treasured the gift, and placed it on the altar of the family deity she daily worshipped. But when the man she loved married another, the rose withered. It no longer had any place either in her heart or on the altar of her gods. Even the memory of that rose became bitter to her. When another man offered her a rose as the symbol of his mute love, she turns back from him, as if she had received an electric shock! But love is life and resurrection. It was a miracle that changed her life. And it came to her in the symbol of a humble flower. Touches as these make 'Jwar Bhata' enjoyable like a poem.

'Hospital' Coming To Kamal

M. P. Productions' musical "Hospital", is the next change at Kamal Talkies. "Hospital" stars India's unquestionable melody queen Kanan bala. Kanan returns to the screen after a long lapse of two years.

SURAIYA in "Chandragupta"

Since the play-back system has come into vogue, our picture-goers are simply tired of hearing the same voices from different mouths. Kanan return will undoubtedly be a solace to music-lovers in these days of musical chaos.

About "Vidyapati" And "Maya"

Mr. R. A. Bakoolesh, the local publicity officer of New Theatres (Calcutta) has issued a following note in connection of several reports, advertisements and other notes that were published in various journals regarding "Vidyapati" and "Maya":—

"Our attention has been drawn to several notes and advertisements, published in certain periodicals giving publicity to a film featuring Kananbala, in course of which, one Mr. Lakhmidas Anand has been described as the Producer of "Vidyapati" and "Maya". We have to state of once that the said news items and advertisements have been entirely misleading as the said films were produced by our principals—The New Theatres Ltd., and not by Mr. Anand.

The "Dassi" Is Still The Queen

Long past its silver jubilee, the Pradhan melodrama "Dassi", which has the distinction of a Panchali screenplay, continues to do its steady full-house business almost as a matter of routine. There is little evidence of any waning of that popularity. Ragini, playing the Dassi, continues to rule over the people's hearts.

Lahore's Greetings To "Chand"

The success of Prabhat's 'Chand' in Bombay is now reinforced by the news that the picture has bagged a record gross in its first week in Lahore. The Lahore press also appears to have warmed up to the delightful wit and music with which author-director D. D. Kashyap has enlivened the picture. According to experts, a picture that is equally popular in Bombay and Lahore, which are the two testing centres of showmanship, is assured of popularity on a national scale. "Chand" has made the grade.

PREM ADIB.

Sind Education Minister To Quit Cabinet?

NICHALDAS SAYS "DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN MINISTRY"

KARACHI, Feb. 23.

According to a widely current but so far unconfirmed report Pir Illahi Bux, Education Minister, has sent in his resignation to the Sind Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah. It is stated that the letter of resignation was forwarded this morning.

Assembly lobbies were agog this afternoon following the reported resignation of Pir Illahi Bux.

Renewed speculation was set in motion after Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, leader of the Hindu Opposition, was heard to say: "I know the latest developments that have taken place in the Ministry to-day".

It is understood that an emergency meeting of the Muslim League Assembly Party has been convened to discuss the latest development.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR GHULAM HUSSAIN

KARACHI, Feb. 23.

A smooth sailing for the Government's present parliamentary programme was assured when the Muslim League Assembly Party to-day unanimously decided to vote for the supplementary demands for grants to be made by the Premier to-morrow. Party members present at the meeting, however, brought forward their grievances of the Sind cultivators and are said to have obtained from the Ministers concerned assurances of redress within the next three days.

The grievances are:

(1) Prices of cotton, wheat and rice in the districts should be based on those prevailing at taluka headquarters and not on the Karachi and Sukkur prices as done now; (2) in view of unprecedented rains and pests Government should grant 40 per cent remissions in the affected areas, and (3) revenue officers and not the officers of the Agricultural Department should assess the crops.—A. P.

AMERICANS LAND ON CAPUL ISLAND

Key To Main Navigation Route From U. S. To Manila

General MacArthur's Headquarters Manila, Feb. 22.

American forces landed on Capul Island, in San Bernardino Straits, between Luzon and the northern Samar Island, announces the communique tonight.

The communique states: "The island is the key to the Straits through which passes the main navigation route to Manila bay from the United States"

The eleventh air borne division advancing along the west coast of Laguna de Bay, south-east of Manila, reached the town of Muntinulpa.

The landing on Capul Island was made by units of the tenth corps of the new American Eighth Army. The opposition to the landing was light.

MANILA, Feb. 23: The Americans have captured the Manila Hotel, the City Hall and all the General post-office except the basement.

Arbitrator Not Bound To Follow Judicial Procedure

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice & Mr. Justice Kania).

Jinabai, wife of Ismail Abubaker—Appellant (Original Plaintiff)

vs.

Joseph G. Pereira—Respondent (Original Defendant).

Thus was an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Bagdon dismissing the appellant's petition to set aside an award. The appellant had filed this suit against respondent, a Solicitor, for Rs. 3000/- as damages for negligence and breach of duty in connection with an agreement for sale of immovable properties of the appellant. The disputes were then referred to the sole arbitration of Mr M. V. Desai Barrister-at-Law with power to "take such evidence as he considers proper in his sole and absolute discretion and hear the parties or their legal advisers to the extent as he in his absolute discretion thinks fit".

The arbitrator called the plaintiff's husband and the defendant and asked them certain questions but refused to allow them to be examined. He then informed the parties that he did not wish to hear any more evidence and held that the defendant was not guilty of negligence and that the suit should be dismissed, each party to bear its own costs.

It was contended that the proceedings of the arbitrator were opposed to natural justice and the present petition was filed to set aside his award. Mr. Justice Bagdon dismissed the petition. On appeal, their lordships held that the arbitrator was not bound to follow the strict rules of evidence or judicial procedure and that having regard to the terms of reference and clause 6 of the First Schedule to the Arbitration Act, it was competent to the arbitrator to conduct the proceedings as he had done. The appeal was therefore dismissed with costs.

Mr. D. B. Desai instructed by Messrs. Eastley Lam & Co. appeared for the appellant. Mr. S. R. Tendulkar instructed by Messrs. D. G. Desai & Co. appeared for the respondent.

DUTCH CABINET RECONSTRUCTED.

LONDON, Feb. 23: The Netherlands Prime Minister Prof. Dr. P. S. Gerbrandy has completed the reconstruction of the Dutch Cabinet.

The new Cabinet includes five members from Liberated Holland.

INDIAN ART ON VIEW

Exhibition At C. J. Hall

This year's exhibition of the Bombay Art Society which is held at the Sir C. J. Hall is brightened up by several exhibits of a better quality. The pictorial sections convey an impression that the number of young Indian artists, who are breaking away from the old traditions and who are in quest of new outlets for their creative energy, is increasing. The bright side of the exhibition sums up the progress achieved by some of the regular and new participants in their fresh output.

OILS

The Society's gold medal has gone to the oil section and is awarded to Mr. V. A. Mali of his "Beauties" (335) which exemplifies the style of painting developed by him by persistent efforts. Mr. K. K. Hebbar who wins the silver medal has presented exhibits of high order like "Poise" (333) and "Cactus" (345). Mr. D. J. Joshi's "Beggar" (337) is a good composition and so is "Ripples" (329) by Mrs. Prema Pathare. The section derives additional strength from the exhibits contributed by Miss Angela Trindade and Messrs N. S. Bendre, V. S. Gurjar, P. T. Reddy, D. G. Karanjeadhar, Madhav Satwalekar, Shakir Ali, D. Anand and P. S. Suvardekar. Mr Harishchan Lall's work like "Reaping the Harvest" (365), which is relegated to a distant corner, deserves encouragement.

WATER COLOURS

The section of water-colours (western school) is full of interest. Conspicuous among the artists who have contributed varied and rich material to it are Mr. D. D. Desai, Mr. S. H. Godbole, Mr. B. G. Godbole, Mrs. Vimal Godbole and Messrs. S. V. Wagbulkar, S. M. Reza and P. A. Dhond. Mr B. D. Shirgaokar's "A Monsoon Landscape" (118), Mr. S. B. Palsikar's "Explosion" (150) and Mr. B. R. Bapat's "Drying Clothes" (31) are delightful exhibits.

Indian paintings maintain their high standards and introduce a galaxy of artists whose work strikes a refreshing note of progress. One is inclined to suggest that the basic Indian traditions and originality should be strictly adhered to as the standards of selection. Mr. Ishvar Dass who wins the silver medal has exhibited a set of well-finished paintings. "A Little Ballet" (399) by Mr. Sharad Hudlikar and "Eternity" (400) by Mr. Manu Vyas should encourage both the artists to go ahead. Miss Bhakti Shah's "Peace" (414), Mrs. Sunkerseth's "Unity" (425) and Miss Sunanda Desai's "Their Wealth" (512) are good compositions. Mr. A. M. Jamit's "Bombay Explosion" and Mr. S. D. Suraiya's "Unity" are examples of art moving with times.

Mr. K. K. Mehbar is again conspicuous in this section by his fine exhibit "Thrashing" (448) and so is Mr. P. T. Reddy by his "Cattle Shade" (470). "S. M. Dalia" (481)—a portrait by Mrs. Cumi Dallas, "Worship" (421) and "The Field Puja" (511) by Mr. N. N. Palkar and "Flight into Fevpt" (507) by Mr. O. C. Rodrigues are pleasing exhibits. Progress tendencies are clearly manifest in the exhibits by Messrs. U. K. Kulkarni, Keshav Dwadi, P. N. Mago, S. R. Palsikar, Mukund Pandya and Hiralal Patel.

ETCHINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Mr. Y. K. Shukla's two dry-points Mr. Abul Sen's set of sketches and Mr. Anand's prize-winning "flowers" are a few fine spots in the group of "Black and White and Pastels." The sculpture-section is dull. H.E. the Governor's prize is equally divided between Mr. B. K. Goregaokar and D. B. Jog. The head studies introduce Messrs S. K. Bokre and D. R. Mathews as promising artists. Mr. V. G. Pimple's "Shiva-Parvati" is a pleasing exhibit. The photographs are on the whole of a high level. Dr. S. B. Cooper's "Archibald Crawford Esq.", Mr. C. Gajjar's "Swarnalata" Mr. Homi N. Dadyburjor's "Rhythm and Grace" with a few others are worthy of notice.

D.G.V.

CONCILIATION SUB-COMMITTEES TO MEET IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23: The General Sub-Committee of the Conciliation Committee will meet in New Delhi on Sunday. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Sir Homi Mody, Sir Gopalaswami Iyengar, Sir Wazir Hassan, Khan Bahadur Nabi Bux and Dr. P. K. Sen are expected to attend the meeting.

The Scheduled Castes Committee will also meet here on the same day. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Mr. N. M. Joshi, S. Sant Singh, Mr. Shiva Shankukam and Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh are expected to attend the meeting.—A. P.

"Restricted" Punjab M.L.A.'s To Attend Assembly

LAHORE, Feb. 23.

The "United Press" learns that whips have been issued to Congress M.L.A.'s restricted in Lahore after their release to attend the Assembly session on March 1, when the budget will be presented provided the Government take no action against Mr. Bhimsen Sachhar who attended the first day's session despite prohibitory order. It is stated that four M.L.A.'s are interned in Lahore.—U. P.

State Congress Candidate Returned

BANGALORE, Feb. 23: The State Congress Candidate was returned to the Mysore Legislative Council from the Bangalore City Constituency.—A. P.

Mahatma Acquainted With U. S. Reaction To Congress

WARDHA, Feb. 23. Mr. Chamanlal, the Indian journalist who recently returned from America, had an interview with Mahatma Gandhi yesterday evening. It is reported that he gave him an account of his impressions of America and how the general public there was sympathetic towards Indian aspirations. Mahatma Gandhi was amused to hear about propaganda in America against India particularly against himself and the Congress.

Mr. Chamanlal impressed on Mahatma Gandhi the necessity of having an organisation in America to counteract anti-India propaganda and to help the National Committee of friends of India, who are publishing the "Voice of India".—A. P.

The "United Press" adds:

Mr. Chamanlal further acquainted Gandhiji with Peter Mure's allegation in his book, "This Is India" to the fact that Gandhiji had converted lakhs of Mussalmans to Hindusim. He also told him about the brilliant work done by Dr. Syed Hussain, Mr. Anup Singh, Mr. Shri Dharma, a well-known author and Dr. Majumdar who had formed a committee for India's freedom with headquarters in Washington.

VILLAGE UPLIFT CLASSES IN WARDHA

A. I. V. I. A. Secretary's Announcement

WARDHA, Feb. 23.

A four-year course of training classes for village workers is being organised by the All-India Village Industries Association, according to Mr. Jaju, Secretary of the Association. Applications from candidates are being invited from August and the standard for trainees will be at least matriculation.

Instructors for the course, who will be trained in Sewagram, will have to study the working of different organisations existing in Wardha and Sewagram and establish contact with those in charge of these organisations.

A Charka Sangh new orientation scheme for making villages self sufficient in khadi and other necessities by encouraging village crafts will be discussed next month when the workers of the trustees of the A.I.S.A. will meet here. Mr. Jaju in an interview said that it is an ambitious scheme and its success will depend upon public co-operation and the right type of workers being available to devote their whole time for village uplift work.

Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, former Premier of Bihar, arrived here to acquaint Mahatma Gandhi regarding the Bihar political situation.—A. P.

KASHIBAI HANDLED OUTRAGEOUSLY

Kolhapur Parishad Committee's Report Demands Independent Inquiry

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 23.

The report of the Kolhapur Praja Parishad to report on the Pangire incident was published here today.

The report of the Committee says that there is no doubt that Kashibai Hanbar was beaten and outrageously handled by Ingavale and other police men and that the Government of Kolhapur should not remain satisfied with the Press Note issued sometime ago.

The Committee suggests the appointment of an independent Committee to be presided over by a High Court Judge to inquire and report on this affair. the Committee further demanded dismissal of all the police officers and their assistants involved in the case.

PRIME MINISTER ADAMANT.

The Prime Minister Mr. Mitchell met this morning representatives of the Press at his office and told them that he was quite satisfied with the Press Note issued by him on the "Pangire Case" and as no better evidence was coming forth the matter now ended there. He further added that it was open to the agrieved party to sue the Government for damages.

Mr. Deshmukh, Minister for Education, and Mr. Jadhav, Minister for Revenue, were present at this Press Conference.—A. P.

Consolidated Metre Gauge Plans For South India

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

A consolidated metre gauge system in South India to be linked up with the proposed northern metre gauge system to be constructed from Manmad to the south is one of the post-war projects under consideration of the Railway authorities.

Mr. J. F. C. Reynolds, General Manager, South Indian Railway, said that a Press Conference to-day that his Railway had suggested that it might be worthwhile to investigate the possibility of converting to metre gauge an appreciable quantity of broad gauge lines in South India in order to reduce the number of the existing transhipping stations and bring into being a consolidated metre gauge system.—U. P.

FIFTH ARMY TAKES MOUNT CASTELLO

MEDITERRANEAN, Feb. 23: To-day's Allied Communique said:

"FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP: Despite determined enemy resistance American troops of the Fifth Army west of the Bologna-Pistoia highway continued to improve their positions by capturing the southern portion of the key feature of Mount Dela Torraccia. A number of enemy counter-attacks have been driven back.

On their right Brazilian troops of the Fifth Army have seized the important Mount Castello. Eighth Army patrols remained active.

Twenty-three of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

RENEWAL OF RATION CARDS IN CITY AND SUBURBS

(WEEK—FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 3).

The work of renewing the current ration cards in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District by pasting slips over the reverse side will be done during the week February 25 to March 3 at the shops mentioned below.

Those whose cards are registered at any of those shops should send all the cards of the household on the usual day during the week when they normally draw their rations and get them renewed. Cards should be got renewed even if no rations are drawn during the week.

RATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DRAWN ON UNRENEWED CARD DURING SUESEQUENT WEEKS.

The hours for renewal and also for issue of rations at ration shops concerned during the week will be 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at the Government Grain Shops 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 15. 19, 381 and 563. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 124. CO-OPERATIVE STORES—Nos. 20 and 24. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 17.

B WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 23. 29. 32. 38. 40. 422 and 501. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 54 and 63. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 44.

C WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 53, 55. 77, 256, 357, 446, 492 and 525. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 20, 142, 153 and 154. COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 31. 42. 49, 52 and 53.

D WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 50. 65. 80. 118, 120, 122, 144. 157, 159. 163, 451 and 478. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 143, 173, 197 and 227.

E (EAST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 72. 200, 206, 216, 400 and 535. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—No3. 85 and 143.

E (WEST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 95. 104, 105, 110. 150. 392. 522. 548 and 555. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 71, 72, 179 and 222. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 35.

F (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 253, 254, 272 and 542. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 79. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 31. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 33.

F (SOUTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 241. 276 and 545. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 89. 91 and 183. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 32.

G (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 281, 282, 287. 293, 332, 359. 361, 432 and 439. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 95, 176 and 235.

G (SOUTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 298, 301, 307, 309, 310, 312 and 531.

BANDRA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 23. 25. 26, 45. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 80, 210, and 248. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 6.

BORIVLI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. BOR/11 and BOR/12.

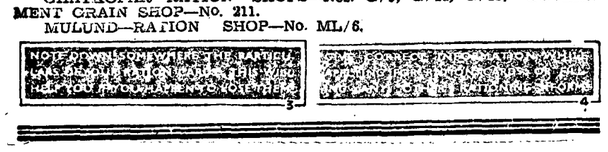
PARLE-ANDHERI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. A/9, A/12, A/14, A/15, A/18, and A/23. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 202.

MALAD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. MD/7, MD/13.

KURLA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. K/11, K/12 and K/13.

GHATKOPAR—RATION SHOPS—Nos. G/9, G/11, G/13. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 211.

MULUND—RATION SHOP—No. ML/6.



WORLD T. U. C. TO BE SET UP IN PARIS

Constitution Discussions In September Next

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The World Trade Union Conference in a manifesto to the peoples of the world last night stated that it was creating a new World Trade Union organisation including all Trades Union of free countries.

A committee of 45 with headquarters in Paris would re-convene a world conference in next September to adopt a constitution and set up a permanent organisation.

The International Trade Union movement would claim a share in determining all questions of peace and post-war settlements and in representation at the peace conference and in all international commissions and agencies concerned with the peace settlement in all its phases beginning with the San Francisco Conference in April.

The manifesto affirmed the agreement with the declared resolve of the "big three" at the Crimea Conference regarding Germany and stated that delegates of nations at war with Japan urged that the same principles be applied to Japan and that the Mikado be held responsible for acts of Japanese militarism.—Reuter.

SIR T. B. PANABOKKE

COLOMBO, Feb. 22: Sir Tikiri Banda Panabokke left this evening for Delhi to take up his appointment as Ceylon Government's representative with the Government of India. He will be stopping at Madras and Bombay for a couple of days 'en route'.—A. P.

WELLS SOMERSET (Thursday): Col. John Crimmin, who won the Victoria Cross when serving with the 27th Bombay Mounted Infantry in the Burmese expedition of 1889, died here to-day aged 85.

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Sind Govt. Detains Girls Aged Eleven

Participated In Gandhi Jayanti Demonstrations In Defiance Of Police Order

KARACHI, Feb. 22.

During question time in the Sind Assembly today the Home Minister, Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali, informed Mr. Nichaldas that from 9th August 1943 to 26th January 1944, 124 persons were arrested at Hyderabad, Sind, for non-violent political offences.

In reply to another question the Home Miniser said that at Hyderabad, Sind, on 2nd October the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, 31 girls came in various groups to the Azad Maidan carrying Congress flags and shouting the usual pro-Congress and anti-Government slogans.

On their refusal to disperse they were arrested. Six were released on the same day while 23 whose ages ranged between 11 and 18 years were kept in detention for a fortnight.

The remaining two were detained in the central prison and sent up for trial on 16th October. They were ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 100 each or in default to undergo imprisonment for three months. They did not pay the fine and went to jail.

Order On Sidhwa

The adjournment motion of Shaikh Abdul Majid on restraint order served on Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Leader of the Congress Assembly Party, "preventing him from doing his duties as a member of the Assembly" was talked out in the Sind Assembly today.

Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali, Home Minister, opposing the motion, said that he did not wish to enjoy the fruits of office at the cost of other peoples' freedom. But as a Minister for Law and Order he had no other alternative but to take all possible precautions against the recurrence of the Congress movement. Congressmen had set up a number of committees which wanted to create chaos in the province.

Shikarpur Congressman Arrested

SHIKARPUR, Feb. 22.

Mr. Motiram Manikmal, former Secretary of the Shikarpur Congress Committee, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules for having delivered a speech on the "Independence Day" at the village of Khanpur.—A. P.

15 Khaksars Still Detained

LAHORE, Feb. 23.—Replying to a short notice question in the Punjab Assembly today by Sheikh Sadiq Hassan (Muslim League) on Khaksar prisoners in the Province, Khan Bahadur Sheikh Faiz Mohd., Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, stated that only 15 Khaksars were still in jail and of these ten were serving long terms of imprisonment.

Asked whether Government intended to release any of them he replied that the intentions of the Government could not be disclosed.

When Sheikh Sadiq Hassan asked whether some of the Khaksar prisoners were on hungerstrike the Parliamentary Secretary replied this was a new question for which a fresh notice was required.—A.P.

R.I.N. CHIEF'S VISIT TO TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23: Vice-Admiral J. H. Godfrey, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy, has completed a tour of inspection of five of the Navy's largest training establishments, all built within the last 3 1/2 years. He visited Karachi, Jamnagar and Bombay and later attended the opening by the Governor of Bombay of H. M. I. S. Shivaji, the New R.I.N., Mechanical Training Establishment at Lonavla.—A.P.

Aluminium Prices Reduced

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.—The Government of India in the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies have arranged to release 300 tons of aluminium per month to manufacturers for turning out household utensils. This monthly release is expected to be soon raised to 500 tons and the target for the current year is about 5,000 tons.

With effect from March 1, 1945, all aluminium utensils will be sold at rates given in the order and the maximum prices per lb. will be stamped on them. The average retail price of aluminium utensils at present is about Rs. 5/4 per lb. this is reduced by the new order to Rs. 3/- per lb. or five pice per tola.—A.P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

AHMEDABAD, FEB. 23.

Market opened lower on easy Bombay advices influenced by expectuation of heavy deficit in Central Budget. Later, prices recovered lost ground on pre-Budget covering and scattered general bill support.

Ashok 837/8/0, Arvind 1515, Ambika 495, Anil Starch 615, Jupiter 364, Calico 1434, New Cotton 515, New National 415, Bihari 787/8/0, Morris 159/8/0, Marsden 196, Monogram 169, Rohit 376/4/0, Vijay 470, Saraspur 502, Arvind Mill income of 1944 had got effect in the market. Arvind highest was 1600, closed 1515, Raipur highest was 152b, closed 1490.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

MADRAS, Feb 23.

Following are to-day's closing quotations on Madras Stock Exchange:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan (10) 39 CR., Deccan (25) 92 CR., India Sugar 33, Mysore Sugar 61/8, South India 16/8, Travancore 15.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountains 1/8 CD, Balmadies 1/14, Cochin-Malabar 17/8, Corrg 90, High Produce 33/4 Kalpetta 35/12, Kalasa 14/14, Midland 12/8, Nelliampathy 1/6/6, Ouchteriony 10/12, Pullangodes 3/2, Thirumbadi 4/10 CD., Vellamalai 30/4, Waterfalls 1/11.

TEXTILES: Bagiumcmre Wol. 475, B. and C. Ordy 325, Balasubramania 102, Cambodia 30, Coimbatore Spg. 151/8, Dhanalaxmi 385, Janardhana 130, Kaleeswarar 730, Kothari Tex 32/12, Mettur 254/12, Madura 74/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Brontons 12/8, Hind Trust 25 CD., Ind. St. Roll 9/4, Mysore Chem. and Fert 26/12, Mysore Paper 25, Mysore Chem. Mfrs. 38/8, 35574: £3 16/8, Mettur Chem. Dfd. 6/9.—A. P.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

Tata Ordinary 395/8 Tata Deferred 2140 Indian Iron 40/4 Steel Corpn of Bengal 33/4 Bombay Dyeing 1787/8 Central India 835 Century 910 Gokak 296/4 Kohinnoor 605 Simplex 268 Andhra Valley 1780 Tata Hydro 203/2 Tata Power 1875 Associated Cement 233/8 Belapur 225 Bombay Burma (Old) 542/8

International Cotton Advisory Committee To Meet On March 26

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

The United States State Department announced today that the International Cotton Advisory Committee established in September 1939 to study and report on problems in the world's cotton industry will open its fourth meeting in Washington on March 26.

In addition to the United States the countries which are members of this committee and which are expected to send delegates are Brazil, Egypt, India, Peru, Mexico, Turkey, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and British and French cotton exporting colonies.

The primary objectives of the discussions will be a survey of various aspects of the world cotton situation, especially proolems affecting international trade in that commodity and the formulation of recommendations for subsequent consideration by individual countries for the solution of such problems. The Director of the office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, United States Department of Agriculture, Mr. Leslie Wheeler, is Chairman of the Committee and will preside over the opening session.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

The market ruled firm all round and a large extensive business took place. Government Securities continued steady and unchanged.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2 p.m.

GOVT. SECURITIES:—3 per cent Loan 1951/54 100/8 s lot, 3 per cent Loan 1953/55 100/1 s. l., 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 98/12, 3 per cent Victory 1957 99/12, 3½ per cent Govt. Paper 99/12, 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 102/8 s. lot.

BANK:—Reserve Bank 133/-.

COTTON:—Benares Cotton 12/5, Cawnpore Textile 13/11, Dunbar 318/- cum div, Elgin Mills 66/12, Kesoram 16/11, New Victoria ordy. 7/12.

COALS:—Amalgamated 52/8, Bengal 702/-, Bhalgora 18/15, Deoli 19/1, East Indian 36/4, Equitable 67/13, Nazira 23/-, New Churulia 13/9, New Beerbhom 40/10, Pench Valley 53/4, Raneegunge 52/2, Searsole 13/8, Satpukuria and Asansol 11/11, South Karanpura 30/-, Standard 41/1, Talcher 12/10, West Jamuria 60/4, Union 48/14.

JUTES:—Anglo-India 473/-, Auckland 345/-, Alliance 624/-, Barnagore 223/-, Cheviot 309/-, Champdany 265/-, Dalhousie 358/-, India 705/-, Gourepore 889/-, Kamarhatty 632/- ex div., Kinnison 390/- s lot, Kankinarrah 576/- ex div, Naihati 367/-, Nuddea 130/8, Presidency 12/6, Union 492/-, Reliance 74/-.

MISCELLANEOUS:—Burma Coron. 6/-, Consolidated Tin 3/14, Indian Copper 3/3, Dalmia Cement 17/7, Assam Bengal Cement 17/12, Bhartia Elec. Steel 2013, Braithwaite 12/10, Jessop and Co. 24/6, Kumardhubi Eng. 17/-, National Iron 12/11, Barrace Coke 34/8, B. I. Corpn. 6/4, Indian Cables 28/- s o l, National Insulated Cable 14/2, Rohtas Industries 16/15, British Burma Petroleum 5/11, Indian Paper Pulp 235/-, Titaghur Paper 29/6, Midnapore Zemindary 174/-, India General Navigation 100/8.

SUGARS:—Balrampur 17/4, Carew A 27/4, Champaran 38/8, Dyer Meakin Breweries 17/2, New Savan 27/10, Mirzee 28/4, Samastipore 18/5.

TEAS:—Duffelghur 28/10, Loobah 17/8, Ranjeherra 26/2, Teloijan 14/8, Telpore 21/6.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, Feb. 23.

Cocoanuts Raw 90 Dry 80 Cocoanut-oil 360 Copra Office 212 Dilpasand 222/8 Madrasnottam 225 Goodgooda 225 Pepper Wynaad 370 Country 360 Dryginger Cherumad 270 Ernad 265 Coffee Robusta 90.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, Feb. 23.

Wheat Dara Control 9/12 Arrivals 115 Maunds Stock 415 Khatties Gram 8/2 Stock 41 Barley 6/12 Stock 151 Peas Khatti 5/12 Stock 130 Arhar 7/2 Stock 123 Maize 7/8 Bajra 8 Urd 13/14 Moong 10/12 Juar 6/10 Cottonseed 9/12 Chilki 9/1 Mustardseed 12 Oil 36 Cake 3/2 Gur Ch.kna 8/13 Fatwa 9/1 Arrivals 4500 Mds Silver 128/2 Gold 73/4 Bardana 55/14 Guwar Baisakh 6/15/9 Bullion steady on continued speculative buying and coverings.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 16th February 1945.

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:—Rs. 5,62,50,000; Reserve Fund Rs. 6,00,00,000; Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts Rs. 231,65,56,000; Sundries Rs. 73,46,000; Rupees 244,01,52,000.

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—

Government Securities Rs. 137,28,46,000; Other Authorised Investments Rs. 4,12,36,000;.

ADVANCES:—

Loans Rs. 21,49,92,000; Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 44,68,92,000; Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 5,09,25,000; Dead Stock Rs. 1,66,48,000; Sundries Rs. 1,08,53,000.

CASH:—

In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 26,92,15,000; Balances with other Banks Rs. 1,65,43,000; Rupees 244,01,52,000.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

	This Week. £
Total bullion	1,835,000
Public deposits	10,300,000
(a) Other deposits	255,900,000
Government securities	224,000,000
(b) Other securities	14,900,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	36,200,000
Notes in circulation	1,215,700,000
Ratio of reserve to Liabilities	13.58 p c
(a) Other deposits include bankers' deposits	196,700,000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	9,200,000
Total deposits	266,200,000
Total securities	238,900,000

POSITIONS OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 16th February:—

Demand Liabilities in India Rs. 611,82,51,000; Time Liabilities in India Rs. 217,29,12,000; Cash in India: (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes Rs. 26,61,51,000; (ii) Rupee Coin Rs. 1,88,47,000; (iii) Subsidiary Coin Rs. 58,92,000; Baiances with Reserve Bank Rs. 71,68,85,000; Advances in India Rs. 265,25,71,000; Bills discounted in India Rs. 14,14,36,000.

BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

There was very little business in Groundnuts and Castor Seeds and quotations were mostly unchanged. Linseed was steady with few offerings N. S. Railway linseed was quoted at Rs. 15/6/6 and G. I. P. Stations linseed was done at Rs. 15/7. C.P. and U.P. Linseed was placed at Rs. 15/7/6.

GROUNDNUT CROP IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

Yield 18 Per Cent Lower

The Department of Agriculture Bombay has issued this following Final Memorandum on the Groundnut Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the Seasen 1944-45:—

On an average of the five years ending 1942-43 the area under groundnut in the territory included in this forecast has represented some 27.9 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures in this forcast relate to the groundnut crop sown in June-July 1944.

(Estimates up to 10th December 1944.)

AREA: The latest reports show the total reported and estimated area under the crop as noted below:—

	Bombay Province. Acres.
British Districts	1,273,000
Indian States	1,014,000
Total	2,287,000

2.1 per cent below but 8.4 per cent over the final revised area of the last year and the average actual area during the preceding ten years respectively. There was general decrease in acreage all over the Province (except West Khandesh where the area increased abnormally due to less area sown under cotton) and was due to "Grow More Food Crops Campaign" and the application of the "Bombay Growth of Food Crops Act" and partly due to unfavourable season.

REASON: The crop in Gujarat and Deccan was sown under favourable conditions of rainfall and progressed satisfactorily but due to excessive rains interculturing was hampered. The situation improved later and the crop —early and late varieties—has been harvested. The adverse season affected pod formation and the yield is below normal. In Karnatak the crop thrived well till the end of July but due to break in rains in August it suffered at a later stage and the pod formation was slightly defective. The harvesting of crop was over. The crop was free from any pest or disease.

OUTTURN: As a result of the seasonal conditions described above the estimated yield of the crop in Gujarat may range between 63 to 75 per cent of the normal except in Broach where it will be only 39 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan the outturn of the crop may vary from 53 to 78 per cent of the normal in Karnatak and Konkan the crop may yield from 50 to 58 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in the Indian States should generally correspond to the yields likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn of the crop works out as shown below:—

	Bombay Province. Tons.
British Districts	434,000
Indian States	296,000
Total	730,000

18.3 and 5.7 per cent respectively below the estimated outturn of the actual area of the last year and the average estimated outturn of the actual area during the preceding ten years.

SESAMUM CROP.

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay has issued the following Final Memorandum on the Sesamum Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the Season 1944-45:

On an average of the five years ending 1942-43 the area under Sesamum in the Territory included in this forecast has represented some 10.6 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures in this forecast relate to the Sesamum crop sown from June 1944 onwards.

(Estimates up to 10th December 1944.)

AREA: The latest reports show the total area under the early as well as the late varieties of the crop as shown below:—

	Bombay Province. Acres.
British Districts	122,000
Indian States	332,000
Total	454,000

34.2 and 13.9 per cent respectively below the final revised area of the last year and the average actual area during the preceding ten years. The decrease is in general and is due to the Bombay Growth of Food Crops Act and unfavourable season.

OUTTURN: In view of the seasonal conditions detailed above, the yield of the crop in Gujarat is estimated to give 58 per cent yield of the normal except in Broach and Panch Mahals where it will be only 43 per cent. In the Deccan the crop may yield from 50 to 67 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in Karnatak will be from 50 to 58 per cent except in Bijapur where it will be only 44 per cent. In Konkan the yield may vary from 75 to 92 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in Indian States should generally correspond to the yields likely to be obtained in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn works out as noted below:

	Bombay Province. Tons.
British Districts	13,000
Indian States	38,000
Total	51,000

42.6 and 11.3 per cent respectively below the estimated outturn of the actual area of the last year and the average estimated outturn of the actual area during the preceding ten years.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

3-1/2 p c G. P. Notes 99/10/6 3 p c 1963-65 99/12/0, 3 p c 1966-68 98/3/0, 4 p c 1960-70 112/10/0, 4-1/2 p c 1955-60 117/0/0, 3-1/2 p c 1947-50 103/6/0, 2-3/4 p c 1948-52 99/8/0, 3 p c 1946 Def. 102/6/0, 3 p c 1949-52 1st 101/5/6, 3 p c 1951-54 2nd 100/10/0, 3 p c 1953-55 3rd 100/3/0, 3 p c 1957 Vict. 99/12/0.

CORPORATION DEBENTURES.

4 p c B. P. T. 1974 113/12, 4 p c M. Deb. 1974 113/12, 5 p c M. Deb. 1959 121/0, 6 p c M. Deb. 1954 130/0, 6 p c K. P. T. 1956 130/0.

TAX FREE.

5 p c 1945-55 102/11, 5 p c Mysore 135/0.

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

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The report of the bank for year ended 31st December 1944 stated 'inter alia':—

The Bank has continued to make a steady progress generally. Twelve more offices of the Bank were opened during the year. These made 33 offices of the Bank as at the end of 1944. All the offices have yielded satisfactory results. Requests and proposals have been received from various other centres for opening Branches of the Bank, some of which are under consideration.

The Bank's activity has shown marked increase in all Departments. The Comparative Table given below speaks for itself:

	On 31/12/1943. Rs.	On 31/12/1944 Rs.
No. of Accounts	18,407	32,951
Deposits	3,79,64,878	7,23,90,743
Cash on Hand and with Bankers	97,76,583	1,45,29,452
Advances	63,86,378	1,16,76,246
Investments	2,47,81,486	5,30,90,385
Total Working Funds	4,23,08,713	8,19,09,344
No. of Branches	20	32
No. of Employees	467	622
Salaries paid in the year ending	3,16,404	5,34,058

The Bank's investments have considerably increased and are well divided in Government Securities, selected Shares, etc. The Bank's advances have also increased and their major portion is against Government Securities and marketable Shares.

After obtaining the necessary consent from the Central Government, the unissued Capital of Rs. 30 Lakhs, divided into 60,000 Shares of Rs. 50 each was issued, the whole of which was subscribed and paid up. One of the terms of the issue was that these 60,000 New Shares shall not rank for the final dividend, declared or paid, at or before the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in the year 1945 for the passing of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1944. The said issue was, as you are aware at Rs. 15 Premium and the sum of Rs. 9 Lakhs received by way of premium was taken to the Reserve Fund. The Authorised Capital was increased from Rs. 50 Lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore.

The Bank has made a net profit for the year of Rs. 4,11,566/2/7 to which has to be added Rs. 108,717/14/3 brought forward from the last year. An Interim Dividend at 6 per cent per annum, free of Income Tax, amounting to Rs. 60,000 has been paid. Your Directors now propose to appropriate the balance of Rs. 4,60,284/0/10 as under:

	Rs.
To Declare a Final Dividend at the rate of 6 per annum, free of Income-Tax, on 40,000 (Old) Shares	60,000 0 0
To Place to the Small Silver Bars Dept.—Goodwill Account	35,000 0 0
To Take to Reserve Fund	1,00,000 0 0
& To Carry Forward (including Provision for Taxation from 1-1-1943)	2,65,284 9 10
Total	4,60,284 0 10

The report when put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

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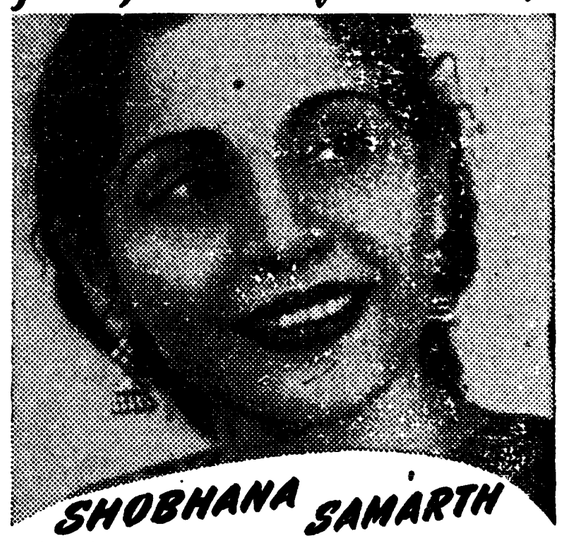

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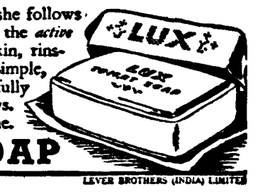

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Pre-Budget Liquidation In Share Bazar

BULLION MARKET QUIETLY STEADY

Cotton Finds Uninteresting Session

BOMBAY, February 23.

City traders are now anxiously awaiting the Central Budget: On the Stock Exchange there was some long liquidation as preference was given to even accounts. Cotton market was again dull with a restricted business while Bullion market was quietly steady.

The Share bazar was quiet to-day and recent buyers were found unloading their purchases as they prefer even accounts as far as possible over the Central Budget. It is generally believed that the Budget would show heavy debit balance on account of defence expenditure and it is a problem how this loss is to be wiped off. No doubt a portion of it will be made up by fresh borrowings and something by additional taxation wherever possible. Thus there is more disposition to await Budget proposals and anticipated the market has reacted.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2160 and declined to Rs. 2132. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 400 and cased off to Rs. 294. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1800 and downturned to Rs. 1782. Kohinoor was steady and after opening at Rs. 608 steadied at Rs. 605. In view of holidays next week there was absence of support and the market was very quiet.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 445, Apollo 4/4, Bharat Spg. 63/4, Bombay Dyeing 1780, Central India 335, Century 915, Colaba 222, Dawn 1250, Edward 810, Elphinstone 86, Finlay 304, Gokak 295, Hindustan 3625, Indian Bleach 174/8, India United 'O' 14/14, India United D. 3/1-1/2, Indore 687, Khawau 337/8, Kohinoor 605, Lakshmi 1305, Madhavji 16, Minerva 252/8, Model Nagpur 257/8, Madhusudan 435, Meyer 215/10, Morarji 678/8, Mysore 335, New Great 391, Phoenix 582, Pollar 328/12, Sassoon Silk 89, Sassoon Cotton 21/12, Shrinivas 352/8, Sholapur 7685, Simplex 267, Svadeshi 538, Swan 321, Tata Mills 60/12, Vasanji 462/8, Western India 3600.

INSURANCE: Bombay Life 875, Empire Life 1275, Vulcan 16/12, Oriental 9650, New India 80/3, All-India Gen. 2/4, Industrial & Prud 43, Indian Mercantile 70/8, Jupiter 35, B. I. G. 21.

HYDRO & ELECTRIC: Ahmedabad Electric 210, Andhra Valley 1765, Ajmere 15, Bombay Tram 149/12, Bombay Suburban 219/8, Broach 12/12, Karachi 234/6, Poona 300, Surat Oil 217, Surat New 90, Tata Power 1875, Tata Hydro 203.

BANK: Baroda Bank 141/8, India 194, Central 81/4 Dena Bank 72, Imperial F. P. 1979/8, Imperial P. P. 491/14, Reserve Bank 134, National Sav. F. P. 79/8, National Sav. P. P. 40, United Commercial 70/8.

PREF. SHARES: 7 p c Andhra Valley 1675, 6 p c Bom. Steamer 350, 7 p c Bom. Tram T. F. 168/12, 7 p c Bradbury 542, 7 p c Elphinstone 123/12, 6 p c Central India 73/, 6-1/2 p c Jupiter 18/14, 6-1/2 p c Surat 193/12, 6 p c Tata 1st 225/10, 7-1/2 p c Tata 2nd 160, 7-1/2 p c Tata Power 1782, 7 p c Tata Hydro 168/12, 7 p c Vishnu 802.

DEBENTURES: 4 p c Andhra Valley 107/12, 4 p c Tata Power 107/10, 4 p c Tata Chemical 127/8, 6 p c Marsland Price 121, 4-1/2 p c Bombay Steam 103.

RAILWAY: Ahmedabad Prantij 746, Cent. Province 104, Hosiarpur 118/12, Mandrabhom 109, Mymensingh Rtd. 111, Mymensingh Gtd. 111/4, Sarasirajganj 112/8, Slalk. New 53.

MISC.: Alembic 385, Alcock 437/8, Associated Cement 235, Burma Old 545, Burma New 205, Belapur 223, B. B. Petrol 6/7, Bombay Steamer 572/8, Investa Trust 124/8, Premier Construct. 218, Port Canning 103/8, Scindia 34/7, Shivrajpur 56, Tata Chemicals 21, Tata Oil 71, Tata Ordinary 395/8, Tata Deferred 2143/12, Wimco 332/8, B. I. C. 6/10, Bradbury 331, Burma Corporation 5/11, Dharamsi Chemical 31/14, Indian Coppers 3/1-1/2, Indian Irons 40/2, Jaipur Bank 72/8, H. C. Bank 55, Habib Bank 80, Union Bank 9/6, New Vict. Ord. 7/8, New Vict. Pref. 9/4, New City 395, New Union 24, Steel Corp. 33/2, Raza Textile 80/8, Rampur Maize 48, Cawnpore 13/14.

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

MILLS
Apollo 4/4
B. Dyeing 1787/8 80
Century 915
Colaba 222
Edward Textile 787/8
Lipsmctone 85 56
Elphinstone (Pref) 123/12
Finlay 309 4
Gokak 295 95/8
India United Defd 3/1/3 3/1/6
India United Ordy 14/14
Indore 688/12 87/8
Khatau 337/8
Kohinoor 609 3 6 5
Madhavji 16 (Odd Lot)
Madhusudan 435
Meyer 215/10
Minerwa 262/8
Morarjee 672/8
Mysore 335
New City 395
New Great 391
Podar 323/12
Podar (Pref) 120
Sassoon Cotton 21/12
Shahapur 7665
Simplex 268 67
Svadeshi 544 38
Swan 321
Tata Mills 66/8 66 66/12
Central Provinces Rly. 104

BANKS:
A.B.C. 36
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Ahmedabad 210
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P. Construction 218
P. Construction (1st Pref) 140
Shivrajpur 56
Tata Chemical 21
Tata Chemical (Pref) 129/12
Tata Oil 71
New Union Mills 25

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 124/10 to Rs. 124/11 and 23,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/14 to Rs. 72/15.

The local market opened steady today but later ruled quiet on increased realising. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 73 and after declining to Rs. 72/8, steadied at Rs. 72/9. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 72/13. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 126/8 and after fluctuating between Rs. 126/4 and Rs. 126/10, steadied at Rs. 126/6. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 126/12.

The market was somewhat quiet today but bulls have full control over the market and short sellers have suffered extensive losses as a result of undue wide difference at each weekly settlement. The war looks like continuing for some time and bulls who have a hold on actual stocks of Gold and Silver are in a position to dictate prices:—The Bears rely on an early peace and are selling short and naturally they are caught. This state is bound to continue and as long as bulls maintain their authority over the market position.

There was increased short covering in Silver after the experience of the last week. Closing quotations were as under:

SILVER			
Ready	128	2	0
Settlement	127	12	0
GOLD.			
Ready	73	1	0
Settlement	72	13	0
Sovereigns	49	4	0

Bombay Cotton

The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 441/8 for March delivery and declined to Rs. 439 on scattered selling. At the decline there was moderate buying and March improved to Rs. 441. It is reported that complaints are made to the Board against fixation of "ons" on different kinds of cotton. The market is likely to development for reaching effects and one should remain alert.

The market was uninteresting and quotations moved within a narrow range. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	440	12	0
I.C.C. May	449	4	0
I.C.C. July	461	12	0

COTTON PARITY
Indian cotton March Contract is 502 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON, Feb. 22.
Spot 25-1/2 Forward 25-1/2 Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0

INTERNATIONAL COTTON SITUATION

Forecast For Heavy Demand

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.

Cotton from three aspects—its current heavy usage in the military equipment program, the cotton textile situation in other countries and the post-war problems of major cotton producing countries—highlighted commodity news last week in the United States.

The United States War Food Administration's weekly cotton market review said cotton mill stocks at the end of January were only slightly under a year earlier and market reports indicate mill buying is mostly for replacement and filling of immediate needs. Consumption of all growths of domestic and foreign cotton for the sixth month period of August 1944 through January 1945 was 4,877,000 bales compared with 5,092,000 the year before. The consumption of foreign growths, mainly imported Egyptian and Indian cotton, totalled 54,000 bales for the six-month period through January 1945 against 58,000 bales in the same period last season.

The U. S. War Production Board, in its report, said production of cotton duck and duck substitutes increased to over four times the prewar rate but still is about 20 per cent short of meeting the closely screened overall military requirements for the first quarter of 1945. The report said this country's textile mills are producing at the rate of 800 million linear yards yearly of cotton duck (including substitutes) but total wartime requirements now are at the rate of 1,000 million yards yearly.

SIGHTS HEAVY DEMAND.

In a special analysis, the U. S. Department of Commerce last week anticipated a heavy world demand for cotton products for several years. Robert P. Sweeney, chief of the textiles unit of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said he believed there was little chance of a world surplus of textile products for a considerable time. He said the situation to-day in many textile countries is about as follows:

IN INDIA—The textile industry is a major business now.

CHINA—Mills are destroyed in Japanese hands or have been moved to the interior and there is a tremendous development of handweaving and cotton industry.

JAPAN—Relying on rayon fabrics now. Japan attempted to grow some cotton in the Philippines.

FRANCE—Cotton mills were not seriously damaged by the Germans. Four-fifths of them can be put back in operation. France needs raw cotton rather than the finished product.

BELGIUM—Mills are not seriously damaged. Need is for raw cotton.

HOLLAND—Germans have destroyed many mills. Will need both raw cotton and finished goods.

ITALY—Textile mills in northern Italy still are in German hands.

ENGLAND—About one-half the cotton mills are converted to other types of industry.

UTILITY TYPE IS NEEDED.

The Commerce Department's survey said the immediate demand in cotton textiles in Europe is for utility type of goods. It continued: "After a short period of years, the Department of Commerce believes surplus (problem may again raise its head. As far as manufacturing is concerned, industry in the United States and in the rest of the world is expected to make great strides in modernization and lower manufacturing cost. The United States interests expect to emphasize quality goods."—U. S. O. W. I.

International Cotton Committee Meeting In March

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.

The United States State Department announced today that the International Cotton Advisory Committee established in September 1939 to study and report on problems in the world's cotton industry will open its 4th meeting in Washington on March 26th. In addition to the United States the countries which are members of this Committee and which are expected to send delegates are Brazil, Egypt, India, Peru, Mexico, Turkey, Anglo Egyptian Sudan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and British and French cotton exporting colonies. The primary objectives of the discussions will be a survey of various aspects of the world cotton situation, especially problems affecting international trade in that commodity and the formulation of recommendations for subsequent consideration by individual countries for the solution of such problems. The Director of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Mr. Leslie Wheeler, is Chairman of the Committee and will preside at the opening session.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Feb. 22.

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Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	89
National Bank of India	43-1/4

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, Feb. 22.
Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New crop) 41 March quoted
Wheat Australian (Bulk)
Wheat Australian (Bags)

CONSUMPTION OF INDIAN COTTON.

The Indian Central Cotton Committee has issued the following statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India during the month of December:—

(In bales of 400 lbs. net.)

CONSUMPTION.

	During December 1944.	During December 1943.
British India	304,890	306,413
Indian States	59,634	62,078
Total India	364,524	368,491
	Since 1st September 1944.	During the corresponding period last year.
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Indian States	230,640	242,422
Total—India	1,399,619	1,437,110

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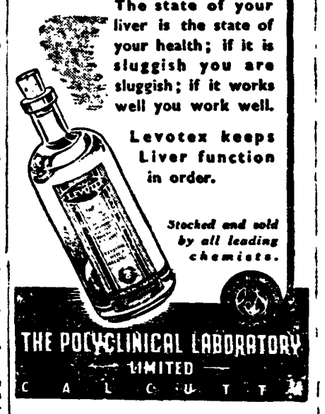

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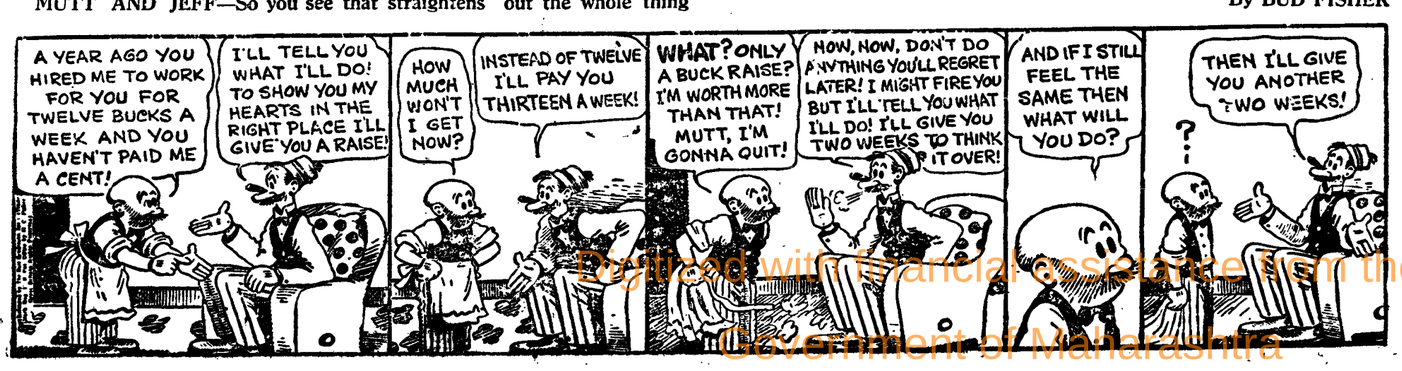
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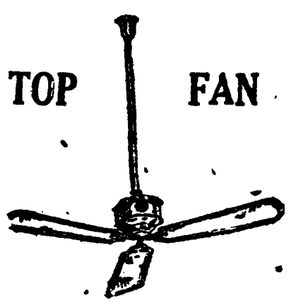

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COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC MANAGER. (2023)

NOTICE

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NOTIFICATION

FIXED PRICES OF FIREWOOD

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 20th February, 1945.

No. 455|2251|IV-D;—In pursuance of clause 12 of the Bombay Firewood Trade Licensing Order, 1944, the Government of Bombay is pleased with effect from the 1st March 1945, to fix in the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District in respect of firewood of the kinds specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto appended the prices respectively specified against them in column 2 thereof as the maximum prices that may be charged in wholesale sales and those specified against them in column 3 thereof as the maximum prices that may be charged in retail sales.

SCHEDULE

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A. D. GORWALA,
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POONA. 2228

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WANTED IMMEDIATELY Clerks (men or women) who have studied at least upto the Matriculation Standard, for Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District, on a pay of Rs. 50 per month in the scale of Rs. 50-5/2-90 Plus Dearness Allowance (Rs. 18 p.m. at present). Candidates belonging to backward or intermediate communities will be given preference. Applicants should see at once personally Khan Saheb R. K. Joshi, Asstt: Controller of Rationing, at the Royal Institute of Science Building (East Wing), Fort, Bombay, together with their examination certificates and evidence of the highest percentage of marks obtained by them at any University Examination.

ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER,
Finance Department (Supply).
23rd February, 1945. 2239

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO COMMON JURORS

MEMBERS of the Common Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court, on the first floor, on Wednesday, the 28th February 1945 at 11-15 A.M. (S.T.).

J. B. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 23rd February, 1945. 2257

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the work of quarrying stones, and for works enumerated in the schedule for the year ending 31st March 1946.

Conditions of contract, specifications, and tender forms can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 2|- per copy.

No tender will be considered which is not made in the prescribed form, and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs 500|- by crossed cheque as earnest money, which deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1 P.M. (N.S.T.) on Tuesday the 13th March 1946.

G. E. TERREY,
M. Inst. C.E.,
Chief Engineer,
Bombay Port Trust.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 2258

ORDER

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 20th February 1945.

No. 455|IV-D—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, and of all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Bombay Firewood Trade Licensing Order, 1944, as follows, namely:—

After clause 12 of the said Order, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"12-A. ISSUE OF A CASH MEMORANDUM

Every importer, wholesaler, retailer and producer, shall, in respect of every sale of firewood, issue to the purchaser a cash or other memorandum, as the case may require, containing full and correct particulars of the quality and quantity of firewood sold, and the price for which it is sold."

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (2243)

NOTICE.

DECLARATION OF RICE STOCKS IN BOMBAY SUBURBS.

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 21st February 1945.

No. 383|I(b).—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (aa) of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Order issued in Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 383|I(b), dated the 7th September 1944, as follows, namely:—

To the said Order, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that nothing contained in this Order shall apply to any stocks of rice and paddy in the Bombay Suburban District held by any person against cancellation under clauses 6 and 17 of the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943, of the appropriate squares representing rice on a ration card."

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (1953)

THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., BOMBAY.

NOTICES HAVING BEEN RECEIVED of the destruction of the following policies during the accidental fire in April 1944 in Bombay, duplicate policies will be issued unless objections are lodged with us within one month from this date:—

Policy No.	Name of the Assured.
13774 &) 29821|2)	Mr. Anandji Govindji Shah.

W. MILLARD,
General Manager. (2244)

CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY.

INVITES APPLICATIONS before 8-3-1945 from either sex for the following posts:—

(a) 'B' Grade Clerks on Rs. 60-5-100 (EB) 10-120.
(b) 'C' Grade Clerks on Rs. 50-5-60 (EB) 5-80.
(c) Stenographers on Rs. 90-5-160.

Candidates for (a) should be Graduates or under-Graduates with previous experience. Candidates for (b) should be at least Matriculates. Preference will be given to those with previous experience. Candidates for (c) should have a minimum speed of 120 and 40 words in Shorthand and Typewriting respectively.

In addition to the pay candidates appointed in (a) and (b) above will be eligible for a bonus of Rs. 5|- per mensem. All the candidates will be eligible for a house rent allowance admissible under certain conditions in addition to a Dearness Allowance of Rs. 18|- per mensem. Those in service must apply through their employers. (2249)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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LOST.

POLICIES Nos. W|162536 and W|162537 dated 29th October 1910 or Rs. 1,000|- (Rupees one thousand each) granted by the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, on the life of Ardeshir Dalabhoy Printer. Will any person having information regarding the above, kindly communicate with the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, P. O. Box 68, Lucknow. (7395)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

I. C. No. 11 of 1945.

In the Matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913

and

In the Matter of the TARUN ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

The TARUN ASSURANCE CO., LTD., a Company registered under the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 and having its Head Office at No. 160, Esplanade High School Building, Hornby Road, within the Fort of Bombay ..... Petitioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition to accord sanction to the conversion of the unsubscribed 3000|-4½% Redeemable Preference Shares of the face value of Rs. 25|- each into Ordinary Shares of the same face value ranking for all purposes with the Ordinary Shares of the abovenamed Company was on the 9th day of February, 1945, presented to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati in Chambers by the said Company AND THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Hon'ble the Sitting Judge in Chambers on the 9th day of March, 1945, and any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desirous to oppose the said sanction should appear at the time of the hearing by himself or by his Counsel or Attorney for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or shareholder of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1945.

JOSHI & CO.,
Attorneys for the Petitioners
Alli Chambers, 3rd Floor,
Medows Street, Fort,
Bombay. (2219)

Reg:—BHANWARA AND INSAN FILMS

Under instructions from my clients Messrs. Ganesh Dass, Lahori Ram it is notified for general information and in particular for people in the film trade that certain misunderstandings and differences which had arisen between them and Messrs. Santram Pictures, regarding the world rights of exploitation of the picture BHANWARA and the Northern India rights of the picture INSAN have been finally closed and settled on the 26th January, 1945, and my clients still hold the rights of distribution in respect of both the pictures for territories allotted to them and mentioned above.

Messrs. Best Talkie Distributors, Lahore, have got the sole and exclusive rights of exploitation and distribution of both the pictures i.e., BHANWARA and INSAN for the territories mentioned above. Messrs. Santram Pictures have no claim, right, title or interest whatsoever in the said pictures.

Besides the above all the pictures held by Messrs. Santram Pictures shall hence forth be distributed and exploited by Messrs. Best Talkie Distributors.

(Sd.) CHUNILAL VOHRA, B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate High Court,
LAHORE. 7403

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VENESALUS GONSALVES alias WILLIAM MARY GONSALVES has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim whatsoever against the said property are hereby required to notify in writing the same to the undersigned at their office at 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which, such claim or claims if any, shall be considered as waived and sale completed without any regard for the same.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

All that piece or parcel of land bearing final Plot No. 214 of the Bandra Town Planning Scheme III, admeasuring about 1220 sq. yds. or thereabouts.

INAYATALI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (2252)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Special Works, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay, invites tenders upto 12-00 hours on 12th March, 1945, for constructing One Unit 'D' and one unit 'F' type quarters at Matunga. The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 8|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. (2245)

LEGAL NOTICES

OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, BOMBAY

THE OFFICIAL TRUSTEE, Bombay acts as trustee of trust deeds or settlements, as sole executor and trustee under Wills, as trustee in place of a trustee or trustees desirous of retiring, of the share or legacy of a minor or a lunatic, as trustee of the funds of charitable and philanthropic associations and caste institutions, of provident funds and funds of insurance companies, and of endowment funds for awarding scholarships to students.

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LEO RODRIGUES,
Official Trustee, Bombay
High Court Extension, Fort, Bombay. 2242

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

Insolvency No. 16 of 1945.

Re: BAGMAL MANILAL PARIKH formerly residing at 340 A, Vithalbhai Patel Road, but now at Golpitha, Bombay: a Debtor.

Ex parte: JAMNADAS MEGHJI: ..... Petitioning Creditor.

On the 20th day of February, 1945, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bom in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1945.

K. K. DASTUR,
Insolvency Registrar. 2254

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 1/7 (ONE SEVENTH) UNDIVIDED SHARE IN PROPERTY AT GIRGAON ROAD.

Under instructions from Messrs. Daphtary Perreira & Divan, Attorneys for F. J. Lisboa, Administrator of the Estate of D. J. Lisboa, pursuant to Bombay High Court Judge's orders dated 27th July, 1944 and 25th January 1945, Messrs. SORABJI COWASJI & CO., will sell by public auction on Thursday the 1st March, 1945 at 4-30 P.M. on the premises of the property:—

All that undivided 1/7 (one seventh) share of the said D. J. Lisboa deceased in the following immovable property.

Pension and Tax tenure (redeemed) situate on the East side of Girgaum Road admeasuring according to the Cadastral Survey an area of 474 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 926 of the Bhuleshwar Division together with the buildings standing thereon assessed by the Bombay Municipality under Ward 7 (c) Ward No. 2004, Street No. 565/571 Girgaum Road and Ward No. 2005, Street No. 1, Girgaum Road.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be inspected at the above mentioned Solicitors, 13/19 Medows Street, or from the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Auctioneers,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

BONA FIDE—SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 a.m. Property of a European gentleman and others at Chowpatty Seaface near Vianellis Restaurant of complete household and office furniture, dining table, chairs side board, show case, Chesterfield sets, Zoola sofa cabinet, Zoonda almirah dressing table, almirah bed, steel almirah, Singer machine, safes, Typewriter writing tables, gramophone, large G. E. ice box, glass crockery, etc. T. 40213.

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